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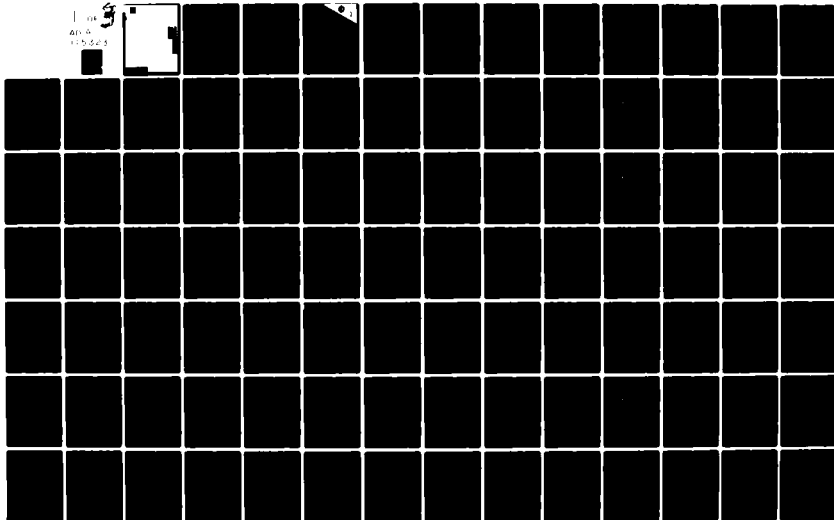
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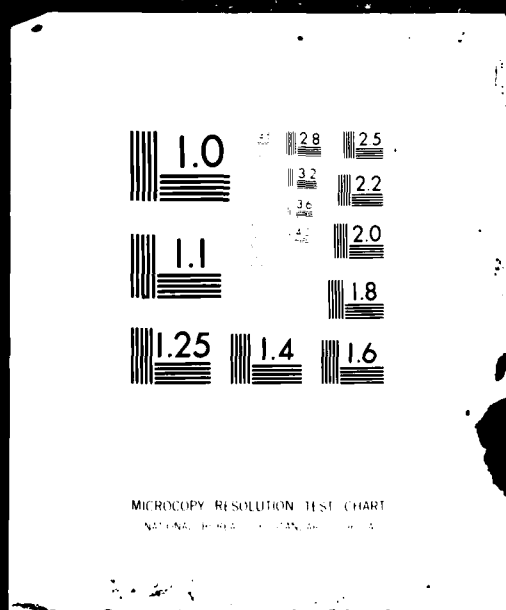
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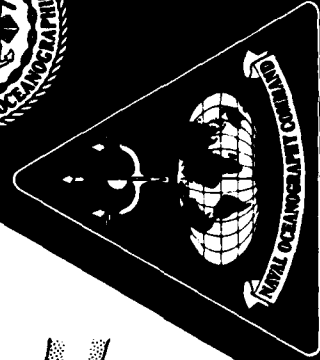
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# Climatic Study of the Malacca and Sunda Straits Near Coastal Zone

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### Introduction

The climate within the study area is largely controlled by the two distinct monsoon seasons: the northeast monsoon (December through March) and the southwest monsoon (April through November). The principal transition months or inter-monsoon periods are April through May and October through November. Figure 1 shows the mean equatorial trough and vector mean winds for January and July. This gives some idea as to the annual displacement of the equatorial trough and the prevailing winds for the two distinct monsoon seasons.

Since the equatorial trough moves across the equator once in a northerly direction and once in a southerly direction each year, it is understandable that many locations report a double maximum for precipitation. Many of the double maximums occur in May and November, but occasionally occur in preceding or following months. For more detail, the seasonal distribution of mean rainfall and air temperatures (Figure 2) and annual rainfall amounts (Figure 3) are shown for selected stations.

Latitude is one of the most important factors influencing climate. Being close to the equator, conditions vary little from the mean, and climatology is fairly representative of expected conditions. Within the study area, local climates vary more because of local topography and local wind effects. These factors influence thunderstorm development and propagation. In general, an equatorial monsoon climate brings uniformity of precipitation, humidity, and temperature; and, on a comparative worldwide scale, these three elements are found on the upper end of the scale.

### Geographical and Data Coverage

This study covers the marine areas leading into and out of the Strait of Malacca and Sunda Strait. It is significant that this area (10°S to 7°N) is divided by the equator. North of the equator the east-west coverage is from 92°E to 107°E, while south of the equator it is from 90°E to 112°E. The surface marine statistics are presented on monthly charts in the form of tables, graphs, and isopleth maps. Tables and graphs by one-degree quadrangle have been split into two areas of slightly smaller geographical coverage: Strait of Malacca, 1°S to 7°N, 94°E to 105°E; Sunda Strait, 10°S to 2°S, 99°E to 110°E.

To supplement the isopleth maps and the one-degree graphs and tables, four representative areas were chosen and additional statistics given. These presentations have been placed in the lower left corner of the isopleth charts. All of the graphs and tables represent the objective compilation of available data; they were not adjusted for suspected biases, and differences may be found when comparing the graphic data with the isopleth analyses.

Approximately 620,000 surface marine observations were used in computing the statistics. These data, taken from NCC's Tape Data Family 11 (TDF-11), contain data collected by ships of various registry traveling through the study area between 1854 and 1979. Inventories of the NCC data set show that most ocean regions of the world have the largest percentage of their observations taken after 1940; but in this case 60% of the observations were taken prior to 1940. As a rule, earlier observations do not contain as many elements as more recent ones. The sea surface current information was extracted from Naval Oceanographic Office Special Publications 1404-IN2 and 1404-IN4, Surface Currents Northeast Indian Ocean Including the Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and South China Sea and Surface Currents Central Indian Ocean, respectively.

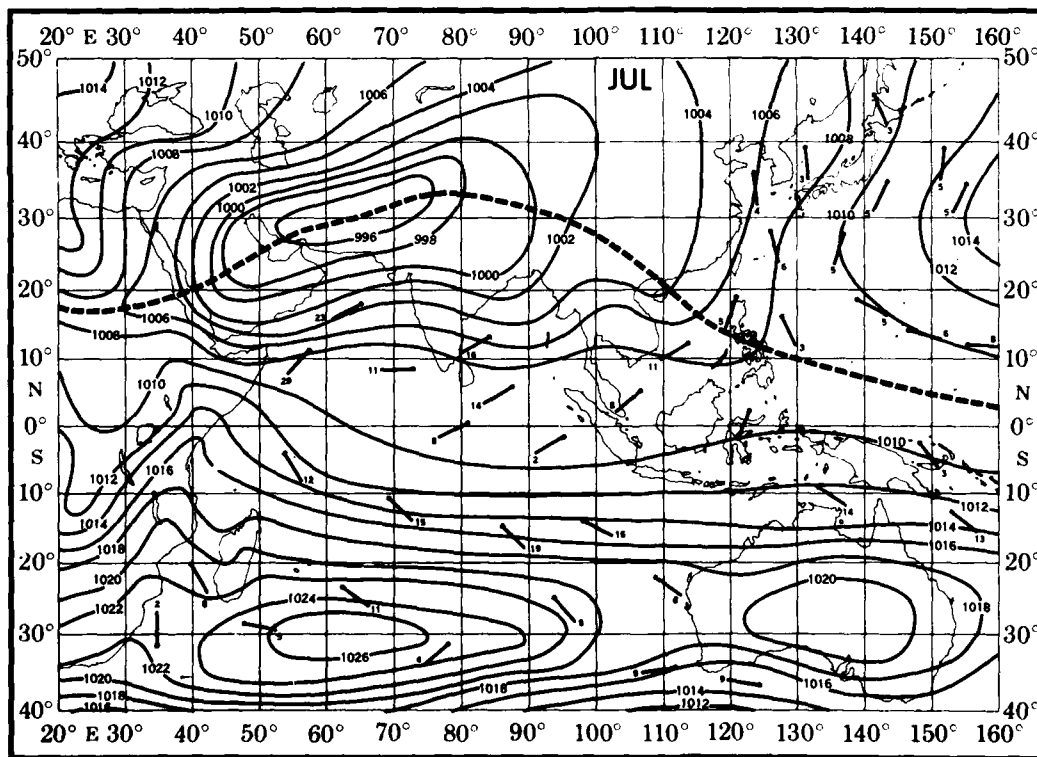
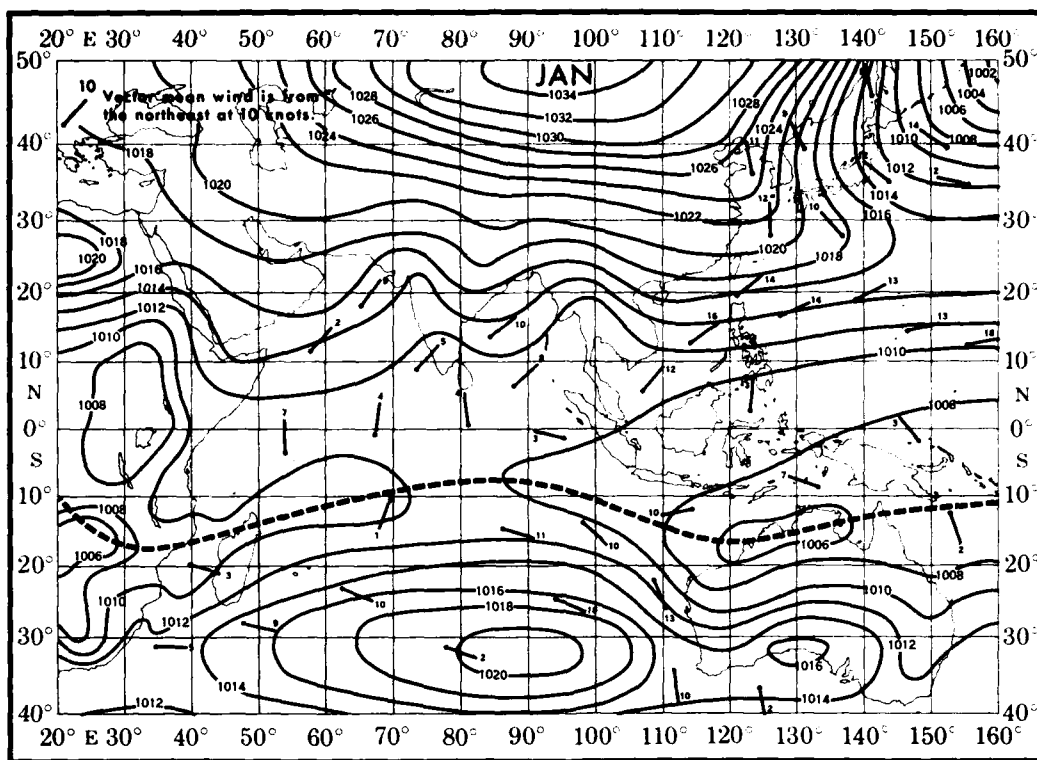


Fig. 1 MEAN EQUATORIAL TROUGH AND VECTOR MEAN WINDS

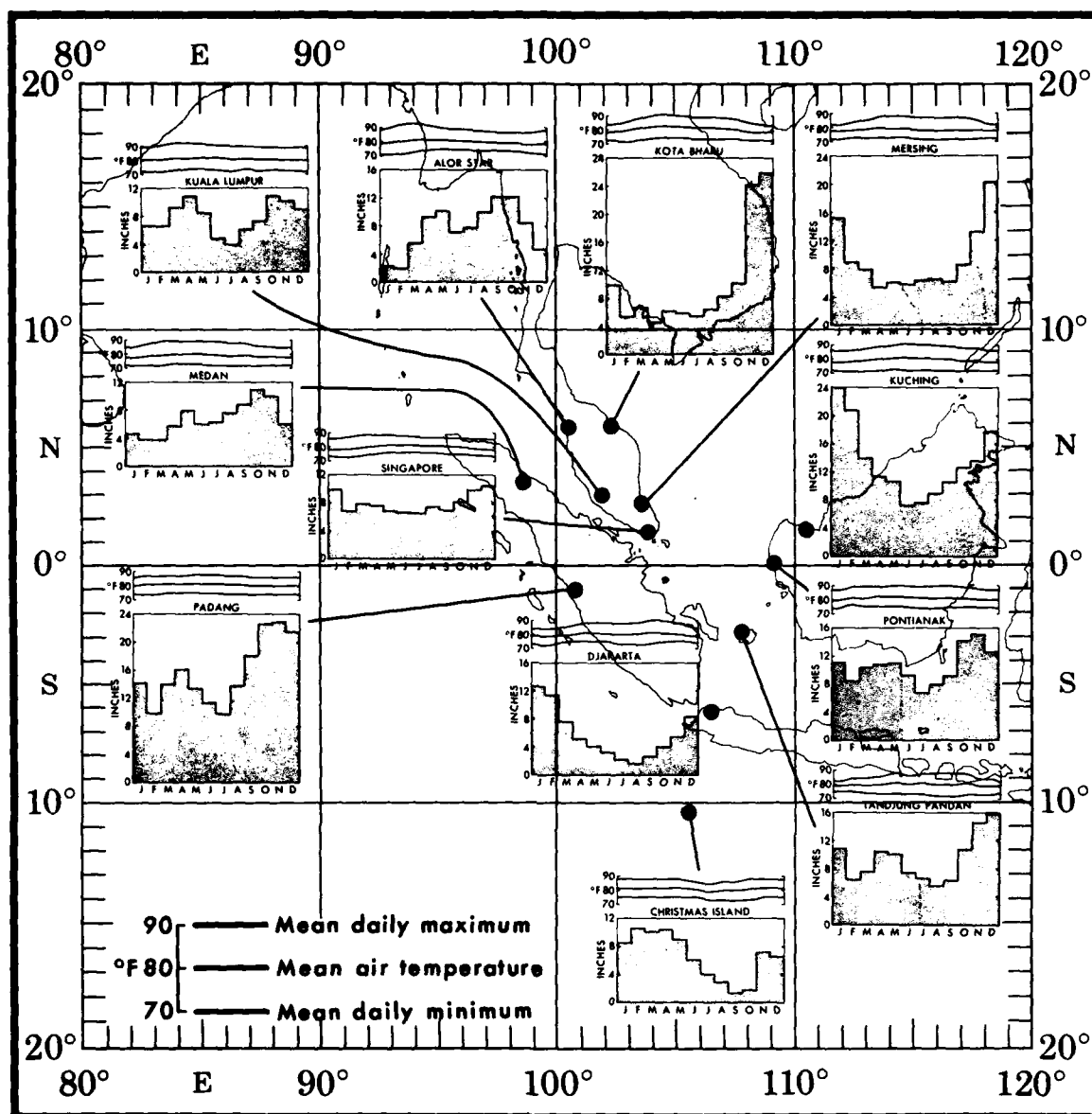


Fig. 2 MONTHLY MEANS OF AIR TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL

The density of observations is greatest along the major shipping routes and, therefore, the reliability is better in those more-traveled areas. In this region, most of the shipping was in and out of the Malacca Strait providing relatively good coverage, while rather weak coverage is the rule for the remaining areas, especially the region to the west of Sumatra.

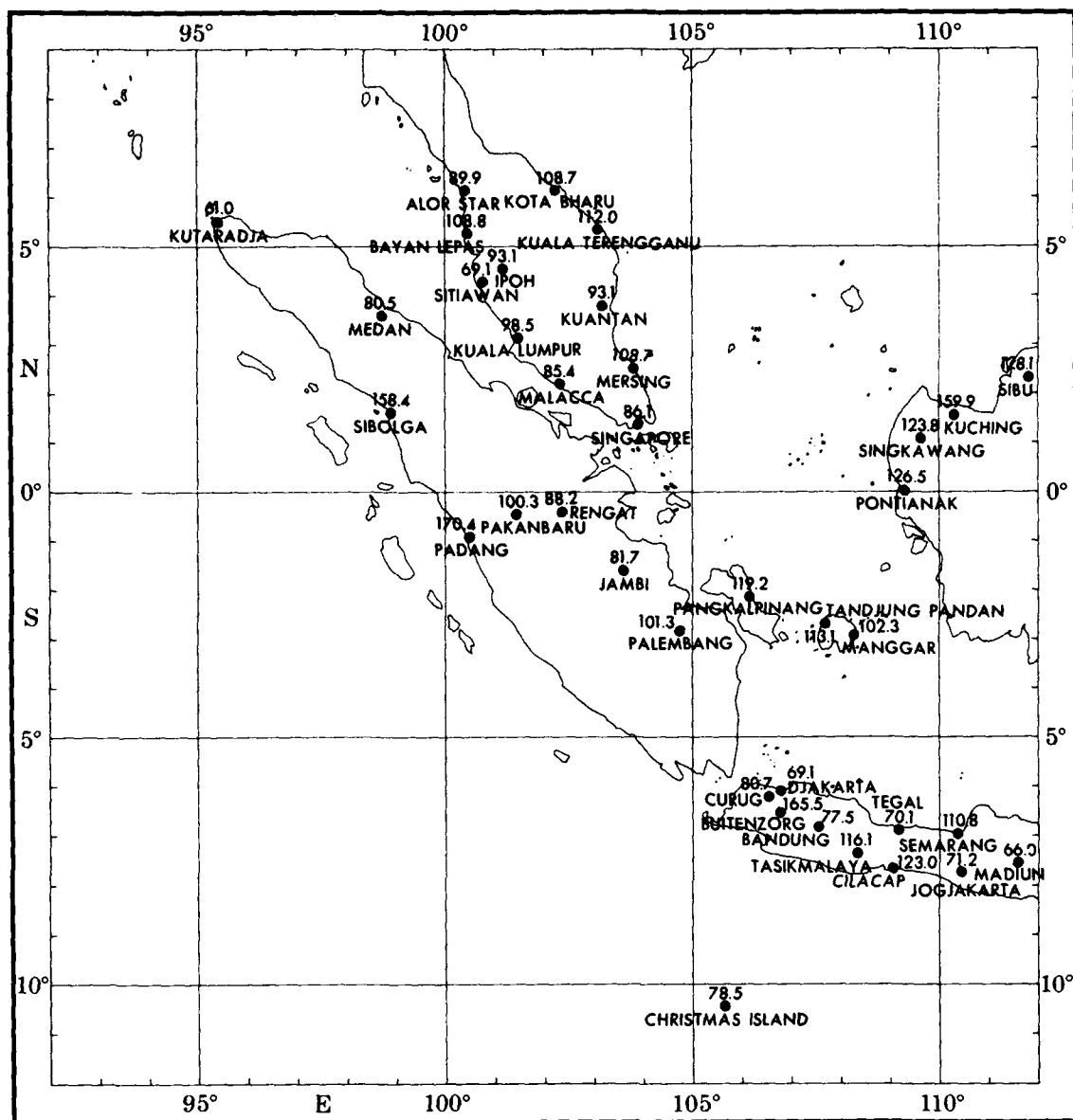


Fig. 3 MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL (inches)

### Physical Features

The Malacca Strait is the highly-traveled channel between the island of Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula that provides passage for trade between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea. The strait is approximately 500 miles long, varying in width from 40 miles in the south to 300 miles in the north. The depth of the strait ranges from six to 60 fathoms. Also, the southern entrance is restricted to narrower passages by the numerous islands off Singapore. The main connecting route between the Malacca Strait and the South China Sea is through the Singapore Strait which is approximately 10 miles wide by 50 miles long.

Another route between the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean is through the lesser-traveled Sunda Strait which lies between the islands of Sumatra and Java. The channel actually connects the Java Sea, which is a part of the Pacific Ocean (as is the South China Sea), and the Indian Ocean. It is only 16 miles wide at its narrowest point. Depths through the Sunda Strait run from seven to 28 fathoms.

Sumatra, the Malay Peninsula, Borneo, and Java are the major land features in the study area. Sumatra lies on the west side of the Malacca Strait stretching some 1,060 miles in length and with a maximum width of 248 miles. Along its west coast, the Barisan Mountains extend the length of the island containing many peaks from 6,000 feet to 12,000 feet high with the highest being 12,483 feet. Across the Malacca Strait from Sumatra is the Malay Peninsula extending from Thailand to 2°N. The Peninsula also has a mountain range extending down its full length. The highest peak, Tahan, is 7,186 feet; several of the peaks between 3°N and 6°N are near 7,000 feet.

Java lies to the southeast of Sumatra across the Sunda Strait. The island is 661 miles long and 124 miles wide at its widest point. Mountains extend the length of the island with more than 20 peaks extending above 8,000 feet. The highest peak located on the eastern end of the island is 12,060 feet.

East of Sumatra and north of Java lies Borneo, the largest land mass within the study area. It is rather mountainous in the north and central part with the highest peak of 13,455 feet being located in the northeastern corner, outside the study area. Peaks on the western side of the island are from 5,000 feet to 7,000 feet.

#### Climate

The climatic regime is equatorial monsoon. Uniformity throughout the year, high temperatures, high humidities, and abundant rainfall best describe its characteristics. It differs from most tropical monsoon climates in its lack of a truly dry season. Seasonal monsoon winds are defined as blowing consistently from one direction during the winter and another direction during the summer. They are caused by the temperature variations between large land masses and the sea. During the warm season, the land (in this case Asia) is much warmer than the sea with resultant low pressure over land; with the reverse during the colder season. This pressure distribution causes the seasonal wind flow known as the monsoon.

A general definition of a monsoon has been adapted from Ramage (1971). It defines the monsoon area as encompassing regions with January and July surface circulations in which:

1. The prevailing wind direction shifts by at least 120° between January and July.
2. The average frequency of prevailing wind directions (in quadrants) exceeds 40% in January and July.
3. The mean resultant wind speed in at least one of the months exceeds 3 m sec<sup>-1</sup>; and,
4. Fewer than one cyclone-anticyclone circulation alternation occurs every two years in either month in a 5° latitude-longitude rectangle.

By "squaring off" and using the south Asian mountains as a natural northern boundary, the only region to meet all of the above criteria is enclosed by 35°N, 25°S, 30°W, and 170°E.

The four representative areas were examined to determine how well they meet these monsoon criteria (see representative statistics). The prevailing winds shifted by at least 120° between January and July for all four areas. To examine the second criterion the eight-point wind scale was adjusted into a four-point system by simply adding adjacent categories together. The results are given in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1

		<u>Prevailing Quadrant</u>	<u>Percent Frequency</u>
Area 1	January	N-NE	71%
	July	S-SE	59%
Area 2	January	NE-E	44%
	July	SE-S	35%
Area 3	January	NE-E	77%
	July	S-SW	80%
Area 4	January	W-NW	52%
	July	E-SE	63%

The second stipulation was met by all except Area 2, which departed marginally from 40%. It must be understood that the orientation of the quadrants could have some bearing on the outcome of this examination, ours being only one expedient method.

Table 2 shows the mean resultant wind speeds for the representative areas used to test the third constraint. Again, Area 2 fails the criteria.

TABLE 2

		<u>Mean Resultant Direction</u>	<u>Mean Resultant Speed</u>
Area 1	January	15 degrees	6.6 knots (3.4 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
	July	164 degrees	4.3 knots (2.2 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
Area 2	January	43 degrees	3.5 knots (1.8 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
	July	177 degrees	1.3 knots (0.7 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
Area 3	January	64 degrees	8.8 knots (4.5 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
	July	218 degrees	11.5 knots (5.9 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
Area 4	January	298 degrees	5.3 knots (2.7 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )
	July	126 degrees	7.6 knots (3.9 m sec <sup>-1</sup> )

The wind constancy is relatively low for Area 2 at 53% during January and 24% during July, reflecting a variable wind direction. In the same light, the scalar mean winds are also relatively light averaging 3.3 m sec<sup>-1</sup> in January and 2.8 m sec<sup>-1</sup> in July. Even if Area 2 had a high constancy, it is doubtful the third constraint would have been met with such low scalar mean wind speeds.



The fourth requirement is met by all areas, as substantiated by Klein (1957) where monthly charts show the number of cyclones' and anticyclones' centers for 20 years by five-degree square. Migratory cyclones and anticyclones rarely appear in the lower latitudes.

In the monsoon definition there are no precipitation considerations such as a dry or wet season. For example, the Sahara Desert falls within the defined monsoon region.

As one studies various texts and articles on the tropics, one discovers a number of terms are used to describe the general climatic features of the region. Many of these terms are used interchangeably while others have become outdated as more is learned about the area. The confusion among terms stems from their number; overly-simple models; introduction of new terms by authors who are rightly trying to distinguish their innovations from others; and, as Cumming (1973) pointed out, from extending mid-latitude concepts into the tropics. Some of the terms found in the literature that tend to lead to confusion are listed below. They have been placed in groups, and an attempt at defining them follows.

Group 1: Meteorological equator  
Atmospheric equator  
Equatorial trough  
Near-equatorial trough  
Intertropical trough  
Monsoon trough  
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Doldrums

Group 2: Intertropical convergence zone  
Intertropical wind convergence zone  
Tropical convergence zone  
Convergence zone  
Equatorial convergence zone  
Near-equatorial convergence zone  
Intertropical front  
Tropical front  
Equatorial front  
Cyclonic directional shear zone  
Cyclonic shear zone  
Tropical confluence  
Confluent zones

Group 3: Heat low  
Thermal low  
Monsoon depression  
Monsoon low  
Mean circulation centers

Group 4: Equatorial easterlies  
Deep trades  
Deep easterlies

Group 5: Tropical easterlies  
Subtropical easterlies

Group 6: Easterly wave  
Equatorial vortex  
Equatorial wave



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Group 7: Subtropical highs  
Subtropical anticyclones  
Subtropical ridge line  
Near-equatorial buffer zone  
Oceanic high  
Oceanic anticyclones

Terms in groups 1 and 2, and rarely group 3, are used to define the line of demarkation between the trade winds out of the North (Northeast or Northwest trades) and those out of the South (Southwest or Southeast trades). Generally, this definition is reserved for those terms in group 2. Those in group 1 generally refer to the quasi-continuous belt of low pressure lying between the subtropical highs of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and within this region you might detect an area referred to by one of the terms in group 2.

In monsoon meteorology, the terms grouped together in group 3 basically refer to the seasonal low formed over the continent during the warm season and over the adjacent sea during the cold season. In many cases the equatorial trough (group 1) lines up with the monsoon low (group 3).

Those in group 4 are often referred to as the trade winds in the summer hemisphere when they are very deep (8 to 10 km.), while group 5 sometimes refers to the trade winds when they are shallow and exhibit a strong vertical shear. Commonly both groups (4 and 5) are used in the same context referring to the easterly trades.

In group 6 there is a difference in intensity as an equatorial vortex is a closed low within the equatorial trough that develops from an equatorial wave (easterly wave) within the equatorial easterlies.

The last group (7) refers to one of the semi-permanent highs centered near 30°N or 30°S.

No matter what nomenclature is used there is a quasi-continuous belt of low pressure surrounding the globe between the subtropical high pressures. This trough of low pressure near the equator (therefore, named the equatorial or near-equatorial trough) remains relatively constant throughout the year across the Atlantic and the eastern Pacific, but varies markedly by season across the western Pacific and Indian Oceans. The reason for this behavior is related to the subtropical highs which lay off the west coasts of the continents. These highs maintain their character year-round with their positions and intensities varying slightly with the seasons. Where the equatorial trough is tightly wedged between two subtropical highs, there is little migration. However, over Asia during the Northern Hemisphere winter, the main feature is the Siberian high. At that time, the equatorial trough is wedged between the Siberian high and the Mascarene (subtropical South Indian Ocean) high. During the Northern Hemisphere summer, when the Siberian high virtually disappears as a long-term mean feature, the equatorial trough over the Indian Ocean moves far north and aligns itself with the thermal low (monsoon trough) over southwest Asia. Because of the alignment, this equatorial trough is often referred to as the monsoon trough.

In the tropics the locations of the equatorial trough, the wind convergence zone, and maximum cloudiness do not always coincide. Godshall (1968) shows that a displacement exists between the maximum cloud cover areas and the convergence zone centers and that some of these displacements are quite large. The low-level summer monsoon trough, located to the north of our study area, has west winds on the equatorward side. The belt of maximum clouds is often confined to this west-wind area (Sadler, 1970).

One of the most useful tools for a forecaster in the tropics is the gradient-level wind chart. Comparisons of the daily gradient-level chart with the mean charts can give an indication to a forecaster that the weather is likely to change, especially where there are significant departures. A useful publication for this purpose is the Air Weather Service Technical Report 215, Volumes I and II, by Atkinson and Sadler (1970). Atkinson states that when comparing the daily isotach patterns to long-term resultant means, an abnormally large horizontal cyclonic wind shear at the gradient-level may indicate above normal convective activity. Atkinson (1971) also authored Forecaster's Guide to Tropical Meteorology, which presents many useful techniques in tropical analysis and forecasting. He states two prerequisites for accurate forecasts: (1) good analyses; and, (2) diagnoses of the cause of existing weather. The sparsity of reporting stations may limit the achievement of these prerequisites and, therefore, adversely affects the forecaster's skill.

Preparation of surface, gradient, and upper level charts proves to be very valuable in making short-range forecasts. By using all available data sources (surface stations, upper air stations, ships, satellites, radar, pilot reports, and climatology), a forecaster can construct a relatively good analysis of existing conditions. (See Fig. 4 for reporting upper air stations within the study area.) Then by extrapolating the analyzed features, one can make a fairly accurate short-range forecast. Due to the nature of the data, it is easier to extrapolate weather features associated with wind directional changes than wind speed changes. In the tropics the diurnal pressure and temperature changes are generally greater than the interdiurnal changes, making a basic knowledge of these diurnal changes a must in preparing skilled forecasts. Temperatures generally peak around 1:00 p.m. local time and reach a minimum near 6:00 a.m. Pressures peak around 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. with a minimum around 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time.

Stability indices have not proven to be of much use in forecasting convective activity in the tropics. Therefore, the most useful short-range forecast tool for convective activity is the ship's radar or radar reports from coastal sites.

Other forecasting aids such as radar climatologies, conditional climatologies, and objective forecast studies can be prepared for fixed locations but not very effectively for moving ships.

Hubert (1961), in a case study, showed that a vigorous system which was depicted on a satellite picture could not be delineated by standard meteorological analyses. This continues to be true today, thus underscoring the utility of satellite imagery in tropical analysis. Riehl (1979) states that, since tropical cyclones develop from cloud systems, all potential development for any location within the tropics, can be pinpointed with satellite information -- a notable technological achievement. Conventional data must also be heeded. For example, if a forecaster discovers a wind shift at a station in the tropics, then he needs to scrutinize all possible data in an effort to determine if it is a local effect or a moving wave. Again, the satellite can help a great deal with this type of problem since it will show a well-developed wave.

In a study prepared for the U.S. Army Electronics Command by the National Engineering Science Company (Goldman and Freeman, 1965), it was theorized that there is an internal wave in the easterlies at the interface of the tropical inversion which traps the lower moist layer and the upper layer of drier air. Disturbances in this internal wave can create convective activity. Standard analyses in the tropics did not generally recognize these internal waves until they became associated with showers. One of the problems was the lack of soundings. The advent of satellite soundings improved tropical analysis considerably, although further development is necessary to utilize these four-dimensional concepts. Surface data along with the potential temperature and winds along the boundary layer of the inversion must be analyzed a number of times a day in order to locate and track the internal waves.

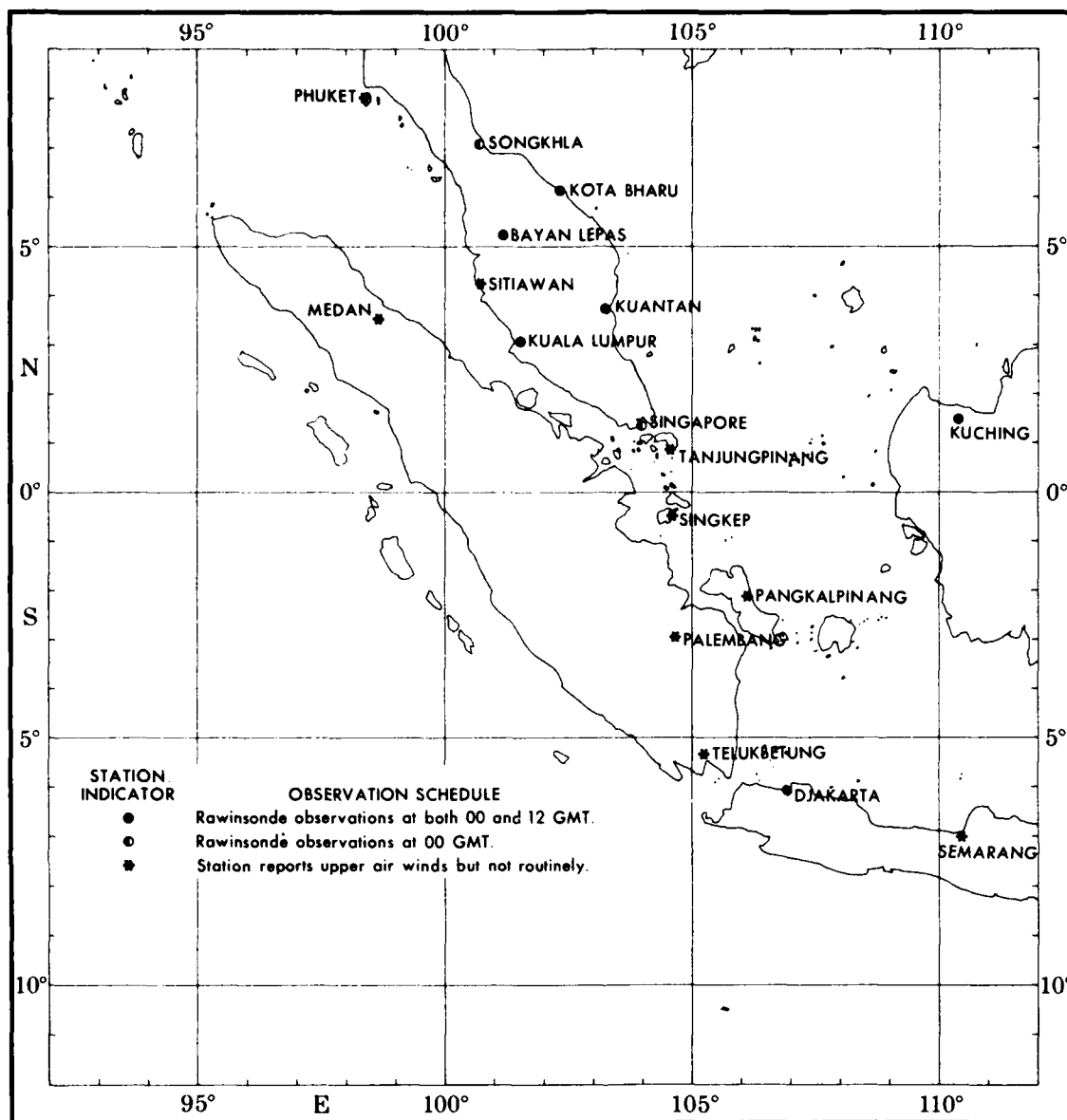


Fig. 4 UPPER AIR REPORTING STATIONS AS OF NOVEMBER 1981

Squalls and thunderstorms are the most significant weather features within the study area. Some of these may be spawned by the rare tropical cyclones that skirt the northern and southern periphery, but they are not generally a problem. Strong lines of thunderstorms that develop across the Malacca Strait are known as "Sumatras." During the southwest monsoon (April through November) the Sumatras, usually occurring at night, generally move from the southwest; although, sometimes out of the west or northwest. Sumatras are produced by the southwest monsoon winds being reinforced by strong mountain winds that are generated by nighttime radiation from the higher grounds followed by the descent of this cooler, more dense air. The warm seas, cool mountain air, and the orographic lift by the numerous mountain ranges produce the heavy thunderstorms and abundant rainfall. These Sumatras move out over the Malacca Strait and, in many instances, onto the west coast of the Malay Peninsula. Although the annual rainfall for the region is one of the heaviest on earth, it is due more to convective downpours rather than extended periods of precipitation (Kendrew, 1942). In fact, they have considerable periods of sunshine.

A maximum number of thunderstorm days occurs on the west coast of the Malay Peninsula during April, the transition into the southwest monsoon. The frequency of thunderstorm days along this area is higher during the southwest monsoon than the northeast monsoon with a minimum number of thunderstorm days occurring during February. Even though the number of thunderstorm days has a seasonal pattern, the monthly precipitation amounts remain relatively uniform. During the northeast monsoon (December-March), there are few thunderstorm days along the east coast of Malay, but a significant number on the west coast. Nieuwolt (1966) points out that an inverse correlation exists over the east coast of Malay between the strength of the monsoon and the amount of precipitation received, so usually the stronger the winds the less the precipitation. This appears in many regions of the study area where the highest mean monthly precipitation values occur during the transition month of November, as the northeast and southwest monsoons coalesce.

#### EQUATORIAL WEATHER FEATURES WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

##### Precipitation

Of all the elements recorded in the marine data base, precipitation is one of those most subject to error in both the way it is observed and interpreted. Many observers have a bias for certain present weather codes and there may be a fair weather bias introduced especially in the more recent years as ships try to avoid extremely bad weather (which is seldom encountered in the study area). A fair weather bias may also be enhanced if the weather observer fails to take an observation because of other priorities during foul weather (heavy ship traffic, entering a port, etc.).

Orographic effects may cause precipitation patterns and the frequency of thunderstorms to vary greatly from the ocean environment to nearby land areas. Subtle changes of five to ten percent in the monthly mean precipitation over the water can be detected on the isopleth charts. During the northeast monsoon (as compared to the southwest monsoon) the percent of observations reporting precipitation is five percent less to the northeast of the Malay Peninsula and five percent greater to the southwest of Sumatra and Java. The terms northeast and southwest monsoon are very descriptive of the climate over the South China Sea but not quite so descriptive of conditions in the study area south of the equator, especially south of Java. The characteristic wind flow also depends on the location of the equatorial trough.

The northeast monsoon starts its southerly movement during October over southeast Asia and does not reach the southern end of the Malay Peninsula until mid-December. Over much of the study area during November and December, equatorial westerly winds, remnants of the southwest monsoon, converge with the southerly limit of the northeast monsoon in the equatorial trough resulting in widespread heavy rainfall along the air-mass boundary (World Survey of Climatology, Volume 9). Rainfall is also enhanced by the mountain ranges which provide orographic lift. As a result, November and December are the wettest months along the northeastern coast of the Malay Peninsula, averaging over 20 inches at Kota Bharu and Kula Trengganu. February and April have the minimum precipitation over the northeast Malay Peninsula. Even though the wind force during February is similar to that of January, the average amount of precipitation during February is approximately half that of January. This decrease may be due to a weak thermal low forming over mainland Asia and deflecting the main air current over the South China Sea. This causes divergence, subsidence; and, thus, prevents formation of disturbances (World Survey of Climatology, Volume 9).

With the many mountain ranges, valleys, and coastal areas within the study area, the precipitation pattern tends to be quite complex. The northeast monsoon brings the heaviest rains to the east coast of the Malay Peninsula, and the southwest monsoon the heavier rains to the west coast of Sumatra. In both monsoon seasons the areas on either side of the Malacca Strait find themselves within the rain-shadow (opposite side of the mountain range from the rain-producing winds). This is clearly illustrated by the mean annual rainfall amounts (Fig. 3). The transition months of March to April and October to November bring the greatest amounts of precipitation to the southwest coast of the Malay Peninsula while Singapore on the southern end has its maximum during December.

On the west coast of Sumatra, Padang has its greatest rainfall during November and its least during July. Java has a minimum during the southwest monsoon, and maximum during the northeast monsoon regardless of the prevailing winds or whether one is on the windward or lee side of the mountains. Djakarta, on the northwest end of Java, has its maximum precipitation in January and minimum during July and August; while Cilacap on the south-central portion of the island has its maximum during November and minimum during July.

Looking at the marine area maps, even though the percentage of present weather observations reporting precipitation (an estimate of the probability of precipitation) does not change drastically, one can see a slight decrease in the frequency of precipitation during the southwest monsoon while the equatorial trough has moved far north over southern Asia.

#### Thunderstorms

Buitenzorg, in the hills nearby Djakarta, reports over 300 thunderstorm days per year (Fig. 5), the highest recorded frequency on earth (Riehl, 1954). Yet, the frequency of marine observations reporting thunder only reaches five to ten percent as a maximum in the marine areas where uniformity is the main theme reflected by the thunderstorm isopleth charts. For the study area a moderate peak in thunderstorm frequency is reported during the November to April period for the Sunda Strait and regions near Java. The April to November period brings the highest frequencies over the Malacca Strait and somewhat of a decrease over the Sunda Strait and Java regions.

#### Tropical Cyclones

At maturity a tropical cyclone is one of the most feared and hazardous creations of nature and could prove to be disastrous for those ships entering or exiting the study area. In order for convective activity to organize into a vortex, it must be influenced by the coriolis parameter which is too small to be effective within approximately five degrees of the equator. However, the early stages of development of tropical cyclones have been observed within two degrees of the equator in the western Pacific and northeastern Indian Ocean. Thus, the limiting factors of the coriolis parameter may have been overrated (Riehl, 1979). Tropical cyclones do frequently form within eight to ten degrees of the equator; however, it is rare for an intense cyclone to be found within ten degrees of the equator.

Traffic in the Northern Hemisphere has the greatest chance of encountering a tropical cyclone in the North Pacific from May through December, with the greatest probabilities of storms occurring from July through September. In the North Indian Ocean chances are greatest from October through December with a second maximum occurring from April through June. In the Southern Hemisphere the main season runs from November through April.

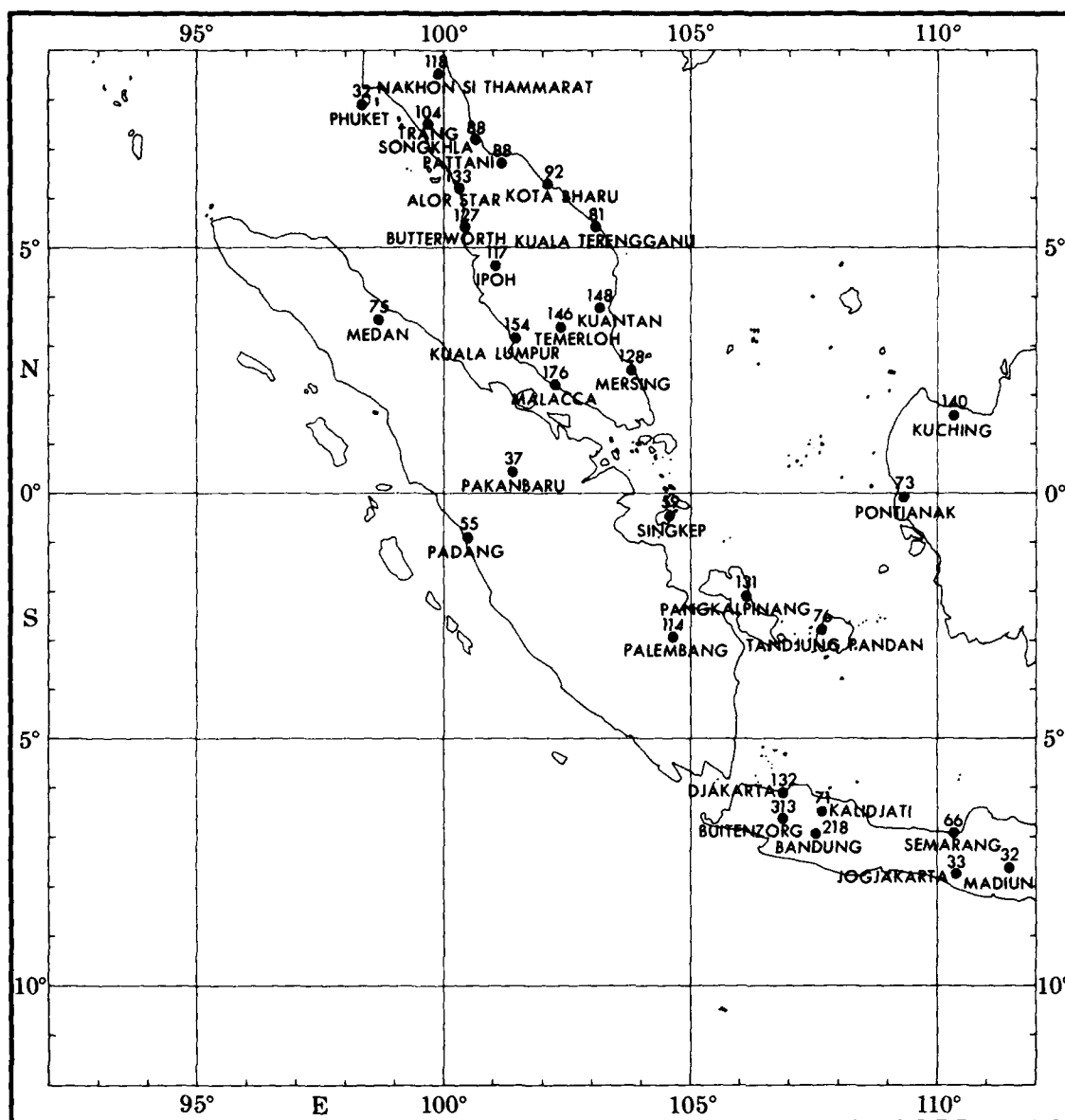


Fig. 5 MEAN ANNUAL NUMBER OF DAYS WITH THUNDERSTORMS

#### Air Temperature

Air temperatures are one of the most frequently observed elements by mariners. Due to instrument exposure on many ships, the heating effects of the ship's structure has a tendency to produce higher than actual ambient air temperature readings. This is especially true in the tropics where sunny, calm days are numerous. Minimum seasonal variability is noted in the study area as mean monthly temperatures range from only 78°F to 84°F. In fact, the diurnal variation is greater than the mean monthly seasonal variation (Fig. 2).

## Sea Surface Temperature

Sea surface temperatures are also recorded with a fairly high frequency in marine observations. Two principal methods for sampling are used, intake thermometers and bucket temperatures. Even though the two systems produce slightly different results, the data can still be used with considerable confidence. The sea surface temperature gradient also reflects the two distinct monsoon seasons. During the northeast monsoon, the sea surface temperature gradient is relatively tight to the east of the Malay Peninsula and weak to the south of Java. The reverse is true during the southwest monsoon. Monthly mean temperatures range from just over 77°F to just under 86°F.

## Surface Winds

Surface winds are one of the most commonly observed elements. Many of the observations from the NCC data base are visual observations based on the roughness of the sea. In more recent years more and more ships are acquiring anemometers and reporting measured winds. Prior to 1963 many of the wind speeds were recorded in the Beaufort scale; however, such estimates have proven to be quite reliable and can be used with a high degree of confidence. Five sets of wind speed isopleth charts were produced for this study, but only three are presented: mean winds, percent frequencies of wind less than or equal to 10 knots; and percent frequency of winds between 11 and 21 knots. The other two categories, percent frequency of wind speeds between 22 and 33 knots and greater than or equal to 34 knots, had percent frequencies of less than five percent. For more detail, one should reference the wind speed distribution graphs presented for the four representative areas. As with the sea surface temperatures, the wind speeds as well as the directions reflect the monsoon seasons. During the northeast monsoon, the mean wind speeds and frequency of higher winds are greatest to the east of the Malay Peninsula and less to the south of Java. This process reverses during the southwest monsoon. The remaining areas, especially northwest of Sumatra, do not show quite as strong a transition.

## Visibility

Visibilities are difficult to measure at sea because of the lack of reference points. Climatically, many low visibility observations are probably missed because the mate is too busy (fair weather bias). However, the coarseness of the coding intervals tends to minimize the problem permitting the summarized data to be relatively consistent. The visibility-tables that are presented by one-degree square show the entire region to have a high frequency (90% plus) of visibilities of five miles or better.

## Ceiling and Visibility

Aircraft-type ceilings are not available from marine observations. The ceilings are estimated as the height of the lowest cloud when low clouds cover more than half the sky. When the sky is totally obscured by rain, fog, smoke or other phenomena, the total obscuration is considered a ceiling with a height of zero. The infrequent occurrence of ceilings less than 600 feet and/or visibility less than two nautical miles lead us to drop this presentation and the lower category of less than 300 feet and/or visibility less than one nautical mile. However, higher categories of ceiling and visibility are presented.



### Wave Heights

Wave heights have been recorded in a consistent quantitative code only since the late 1940's. The reluctance of many observers to take wave observations in the earlier years and the difficulty in estimating waves, especially in confused seas, makes wave observations one of the least commonly observed elements. They are also subject to biases. Generally the heights are too low, the periods too short, and the sea-swell discrimination poor (Quayle, 1980). The data in this study have not been adjusted for these suspected biases other than being processed through a quality control procedure where an internal check was made between wind speed and sea height. The data were also arrayed and apparently erroneous outliers deleted in both the sea and swell data. As with both temperature and winds, the effects of monsoon seasons can be detected from the wave height charts. These effects can be spotted on the wave charts greater than or equal to three feet, but even more obviously on the percent frequencies of waves greater than or equal to eight feet. Over the South China Sea, waves are highest during the northeast monsoon. Over the Indian Ocean south of Java and Sumatra, waves are highest during the southwest monsoon.

### Ocean Currents

The ocean current charts are compiled principally from ship drift reports that were forwarded by the various merchant marines to the Naval Oceanographic Office. From these drift observations the set (direction) and drift (speed) of the prevailing currents are calculated for each one-degree square. The density of observations is greatest along the major shipping routes and reliability of the current charts is best in these areas. The data are considered most useful when used collectively as in summaries where a large number of observations are available.

The surface current charts displayed for the Malacca Strait are winter (November through April), summer (May through October), and annual (January through December). For the Sunda Strait the displayed charts are summer (January through March), autumn (April through June), winter (July through September), spring (October through December), and annual (January through December).

### Summary

To date, no reliable numerical weather prediction models have been developed for the tropics. Until progress is made in this field, climatology will continue to be one of the most valuable forecast tools. As stated in the introduction, conditions vary little from the mean in the tropics making climatology a good representative of expected conditions. The goal of this climatic study is to provide the synoptic meteorologist with the necessary climatology with which to improve his forecasts.

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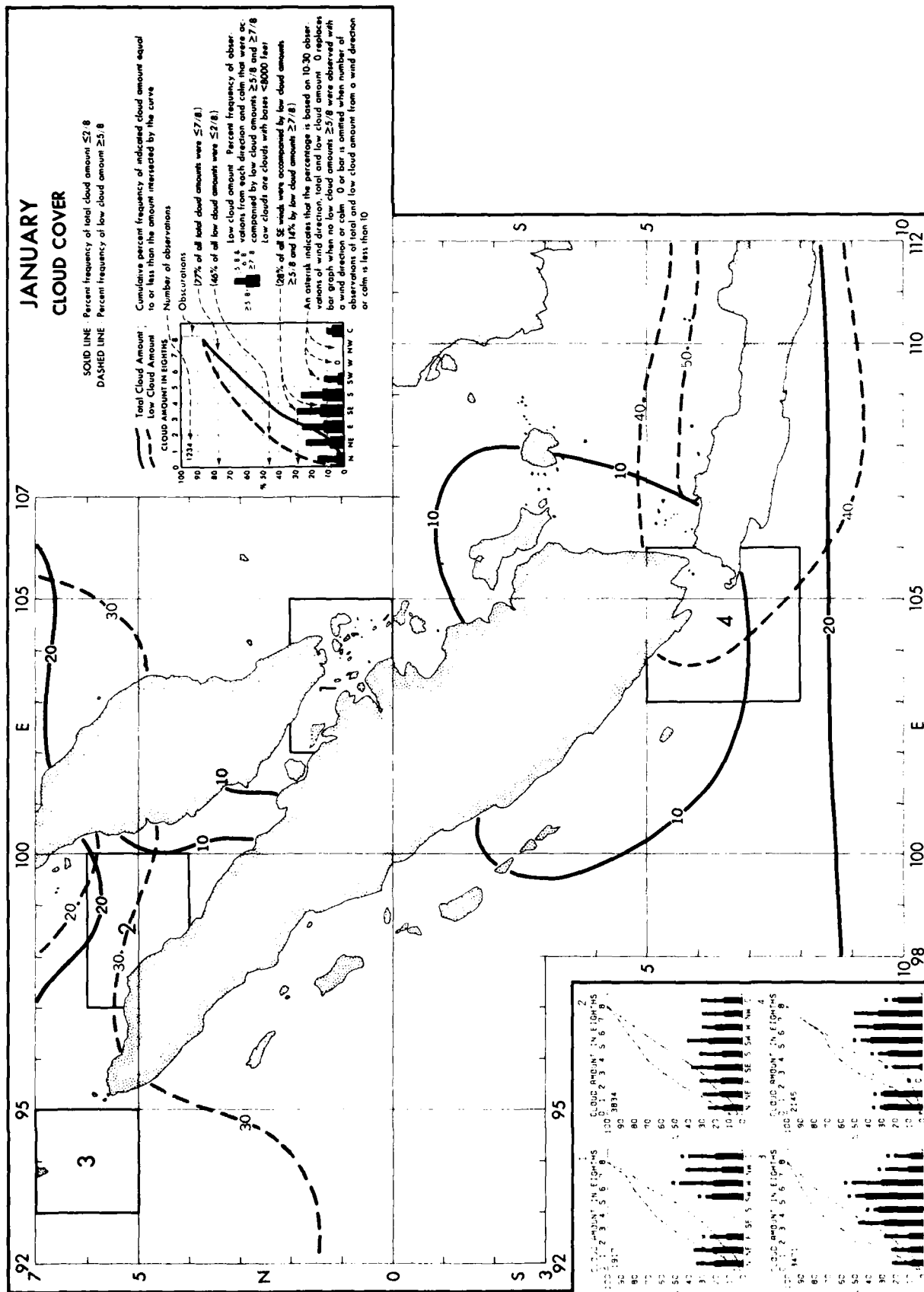
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	CLOUDS	PRECIPITATION	VISIBILITY-TABLES	WIND-VISIBILITY	WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS	WIND SPEED <11 and 11-21 knots	AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE	WAVES	WAVE HEIGHT-TABLES	SURFACE CURRENTS (seasonal)			
JANUARY	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	170	
FEBRUARY	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	26	27	28		
MARCH	30	31	32	34	35	36	37	38	40	41	42		
APRIL	44	45	46	48	49	50	51	52	54	55	56	170	
MAY	58	59	60	62	63	64	65	66	68	69	70		
JUNE	72	73	74	76	77	78	79	80	82	83	84		
JULY	86	87	88	90	91	92	93	94	96	97	98	178	
AUGUST	100	101	102	104	105	106	107	108	110	111	112		
SEPTEMBER	114	115	116	118	119	120	121	122	124	125	126		
OCTOBER	128	129	130	132	133	134	135	136	138	139	140	178	
NOVEMBER	142	143	144	146	147	148	149	150	152	153	154		
DECEMBER	156	157	158	160	161	162	163	164	166	167	168		



# JANUARY PRECIPITATION

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting precipitation  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting thunderstorms  
and or lightning

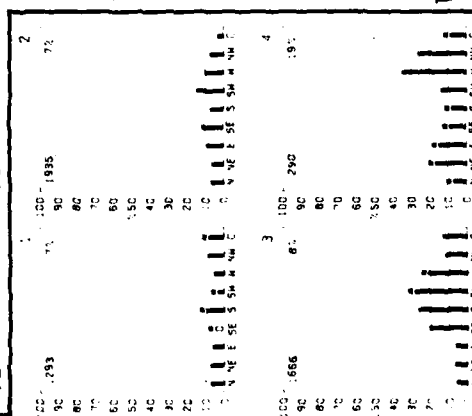
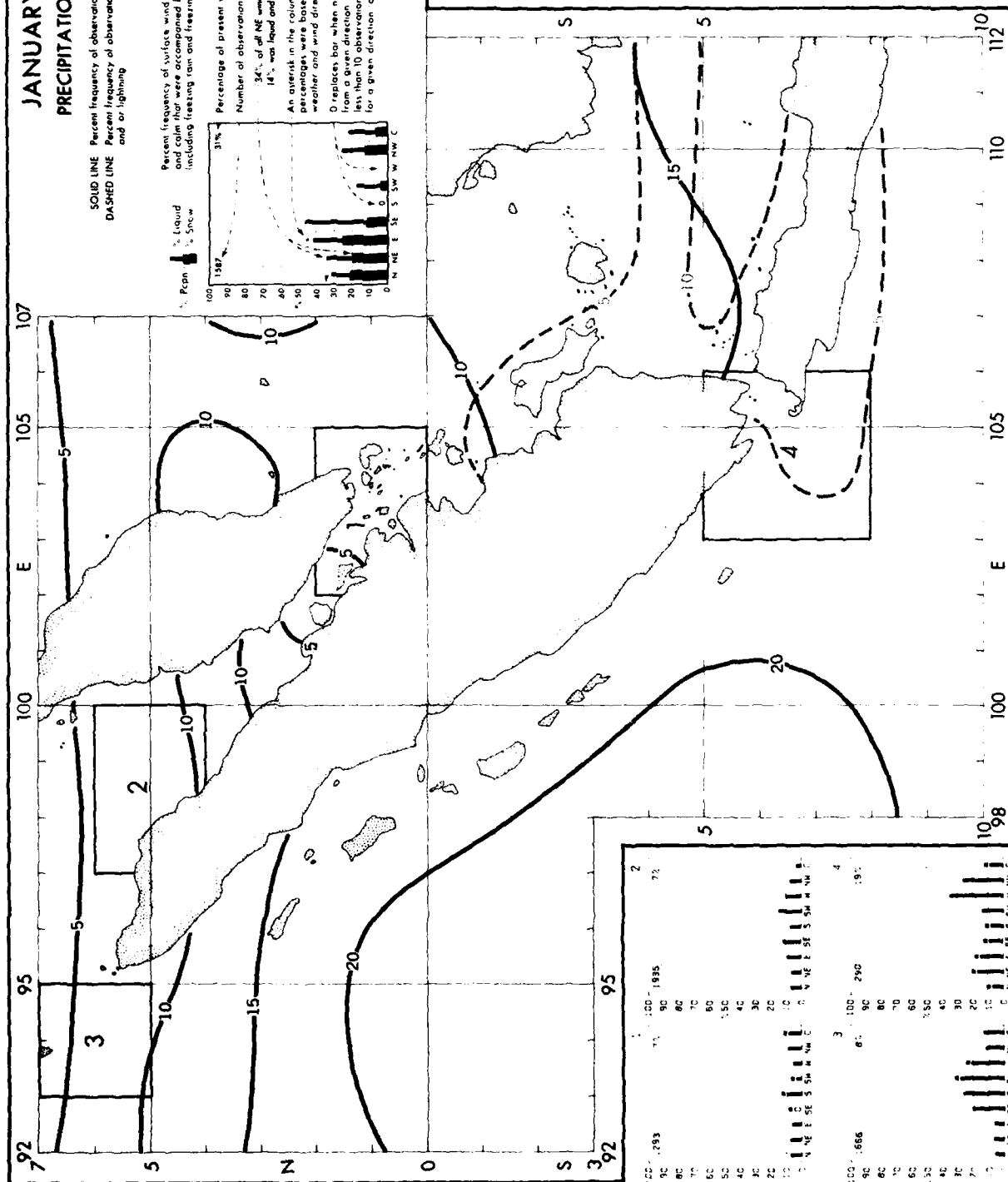
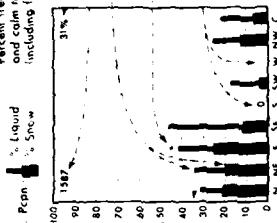
Percent frequency of surface wind observations from each direction  
and calm that were accompanied by precipitation, subdivided into liquid type  
including freezing rain and freezing drizzle and snow

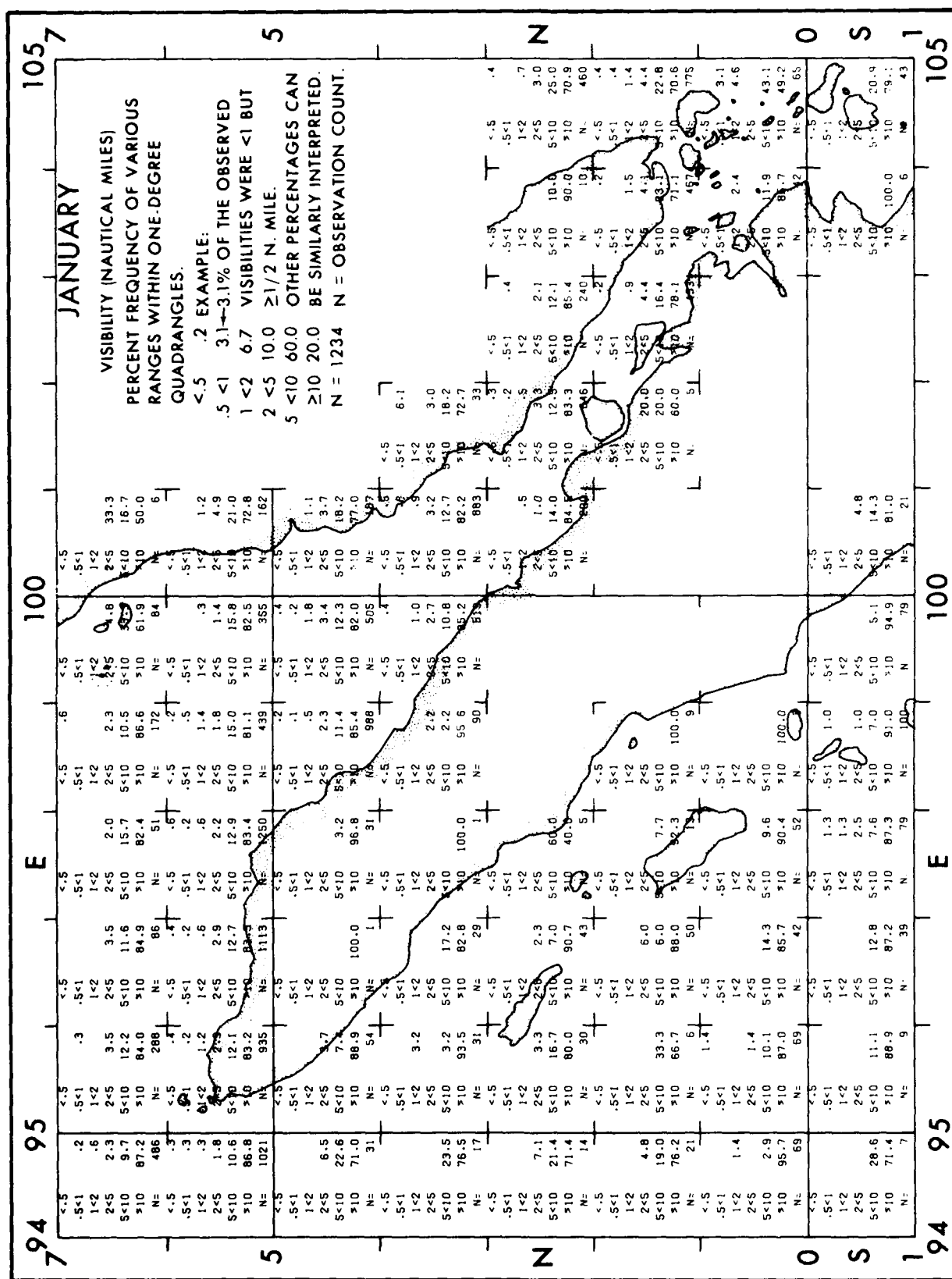
Percentage of present weather observations reporting precipitation  
Number of observations

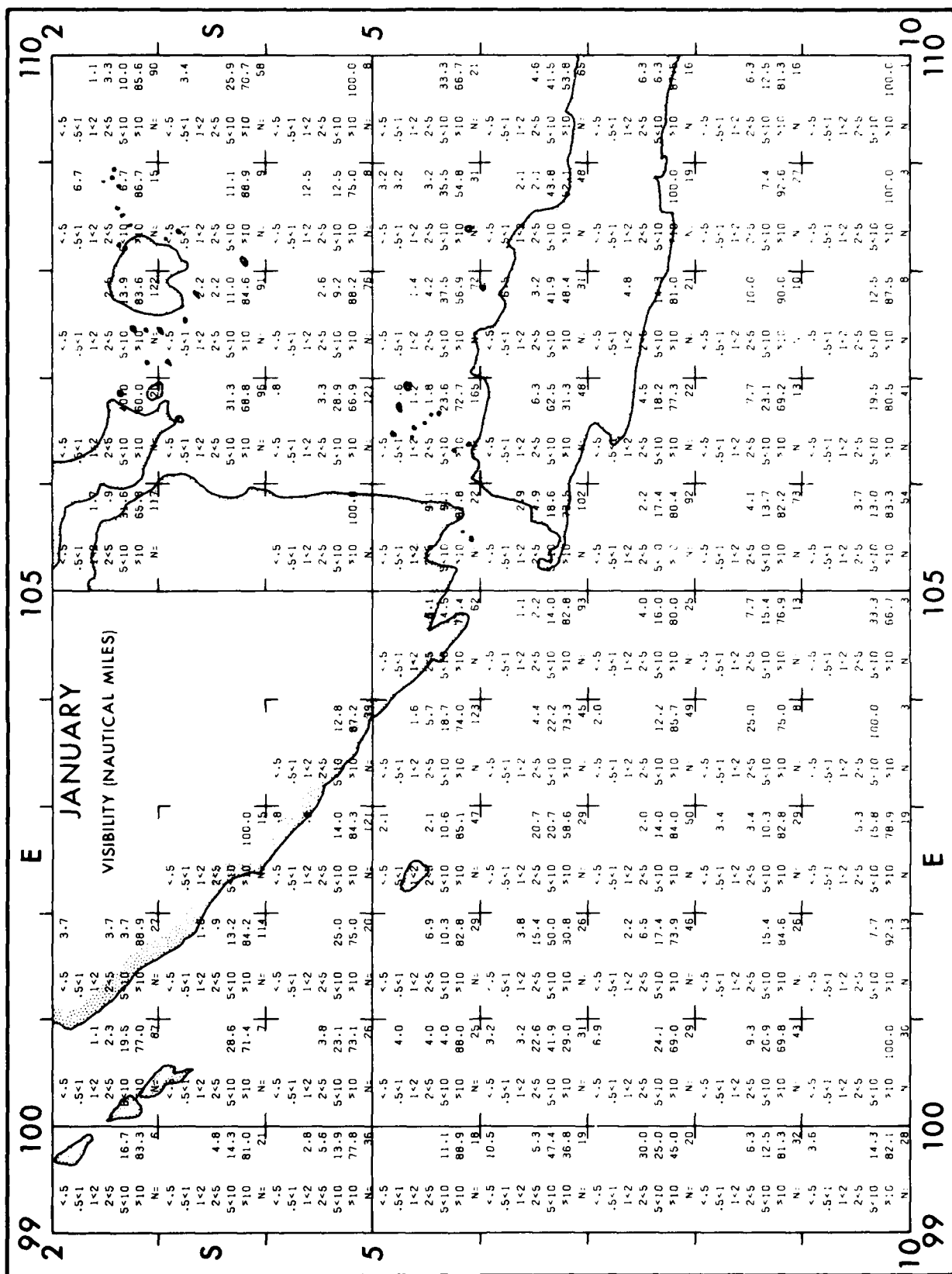
34% of all NE winds were accompanied by precipitation, of which  
14% was liquid and 20% was snow

An asterisk in the column for a given direction or calm indicates  
percentages were based on 10-30 observations of present  
weather and wind direction

0 replaces bar when no precipitation was observed with winds  
from a given direction or calm. No bar graph is presented if  
less than 10 observations containing present weather are reported  
for a given direction or calm









# JANUARY CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and/or visibility <5 nautical miles  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and/or visibility <10 nautical miles

LOW CLOUD CEILING

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings, hundreds of feet and visibilities, nautical miles. Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds, h, when low cloud amount, N<sub>h</sub>, is ≥ 5.8. Observations are included under ceiling 0 < 15. N.C. indicates no ceiling included; bases of clouds ≥ 8000 feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub> < 5.8. 2% of all observations reported ceiling ≥ 1000 feet and visibility < 5 nautical miles simultaneously with visibility ≥ 5 but < 10 nautical miles.

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# **JANUARY** **WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS**

Conditions for Carrier Operations  
Percent frequency of optimum conditions (CC  $\geq 5000$  ft or no ICC, Vbty  $\geq 5$  N.M., and Wind  $\leq 17$  kt)  
Percent frequency of poor conditions. Any one of the following conditions, poor conditions (CC  $< 3000$  ft, Vbty  $< 1$  N.M., Wind  $> 23$  kt)

SOLID LINE  
DASHED LINE

Sanitary conditions between poor and optimum

Percent frequency of occurrence of specified wind speed in knots, visibility in nautical miles, and low cloud ceiling (CC) in hundreds of feet

WIND SPEED (knots)

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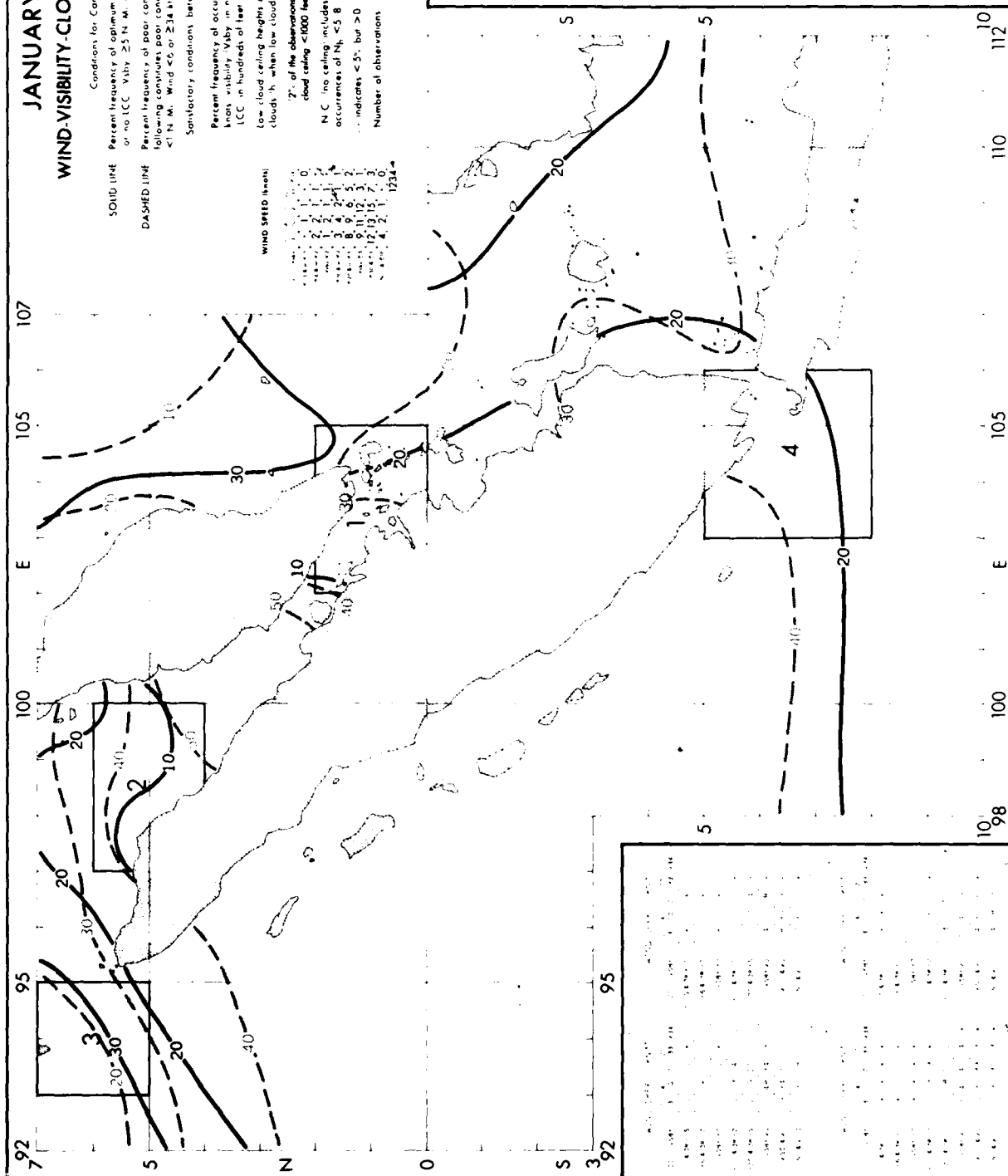
Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds in when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is  $\geq 5$

2% of the observations reported wind speeds of 11-21 knots, a low cloud ceiling  $< 1000$  feet and or visibility  $< 2$  nautical miles

N.C. no ceiling includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub>  $< 5$

indices  $\leq 5$ , but  $> 0$

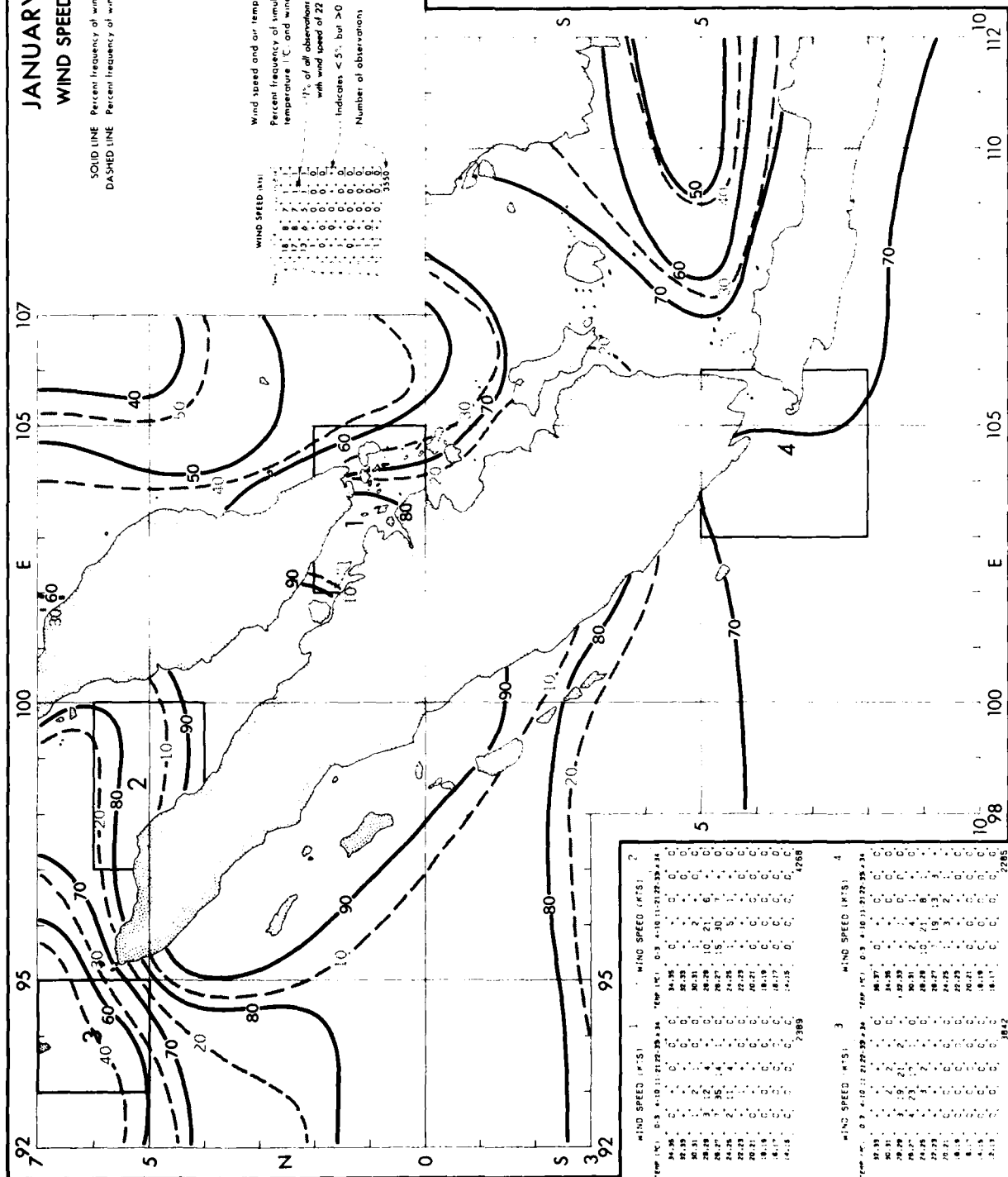
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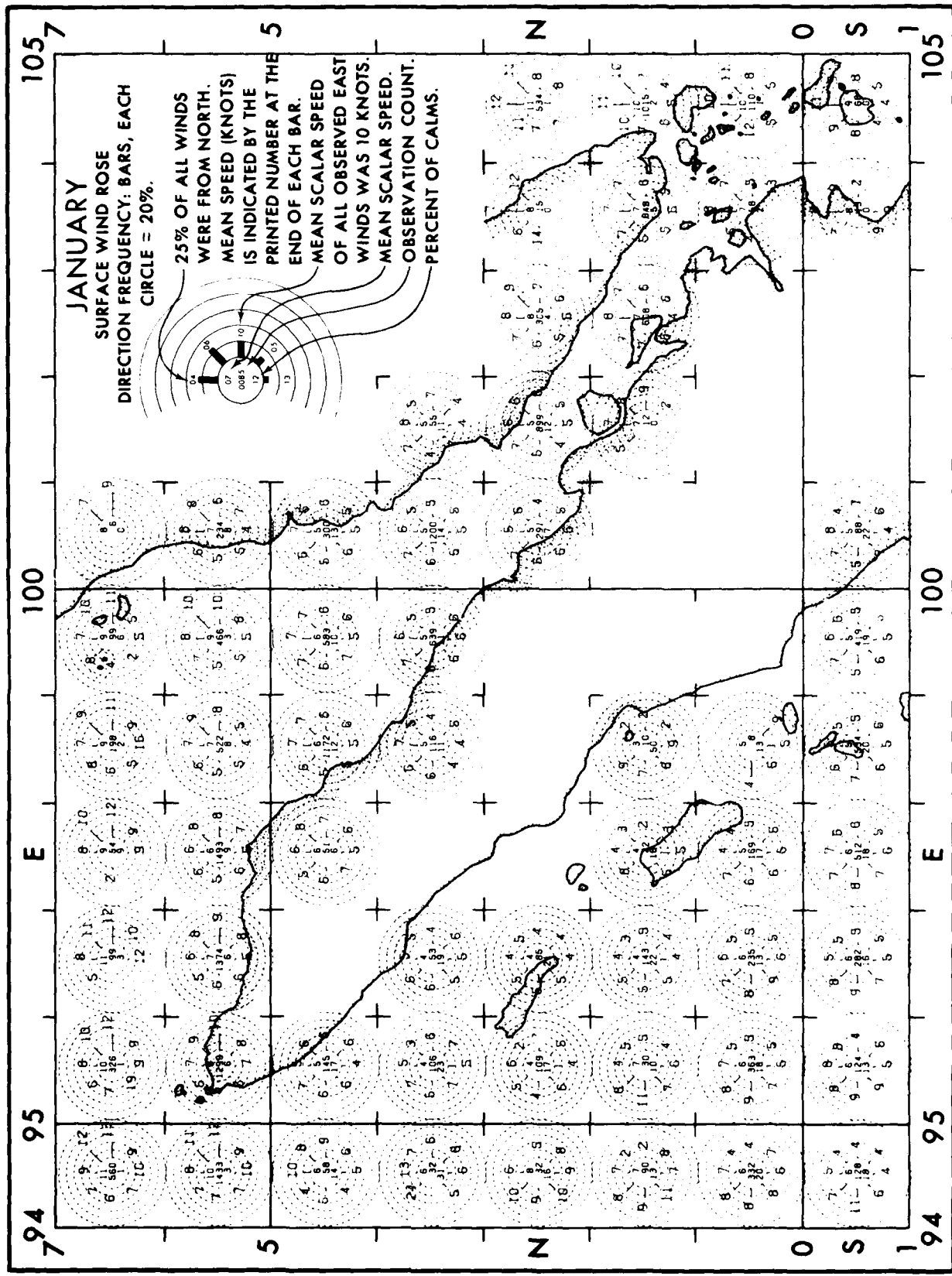


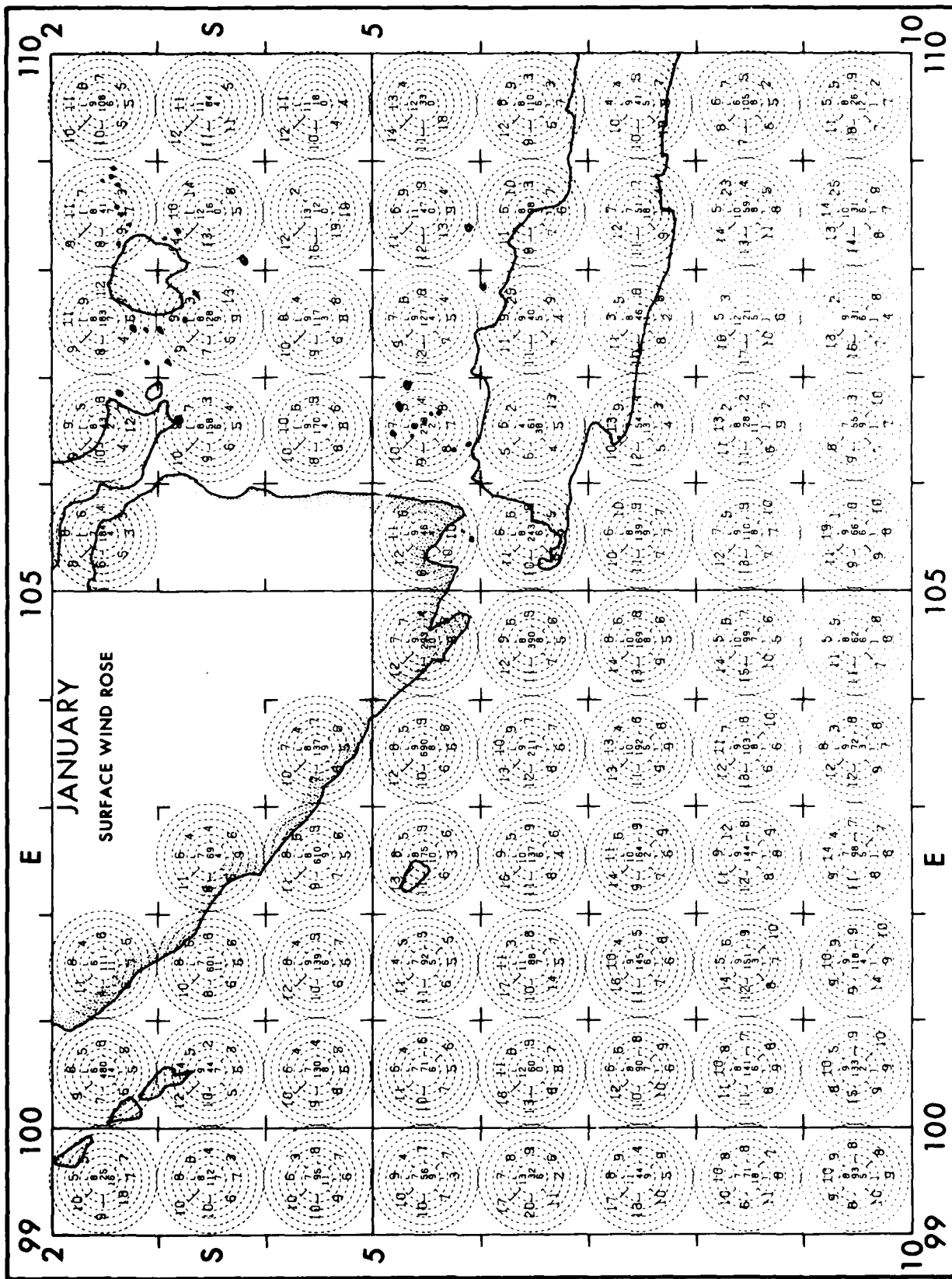
**SOLID LINE** Mean scalar wind speed knots



SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wind speed  $\leq 11$  knots  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wind speed  $\geq 21$  knots



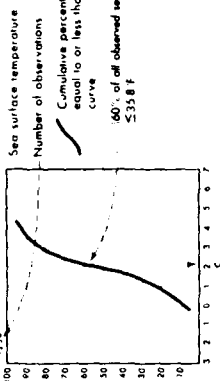




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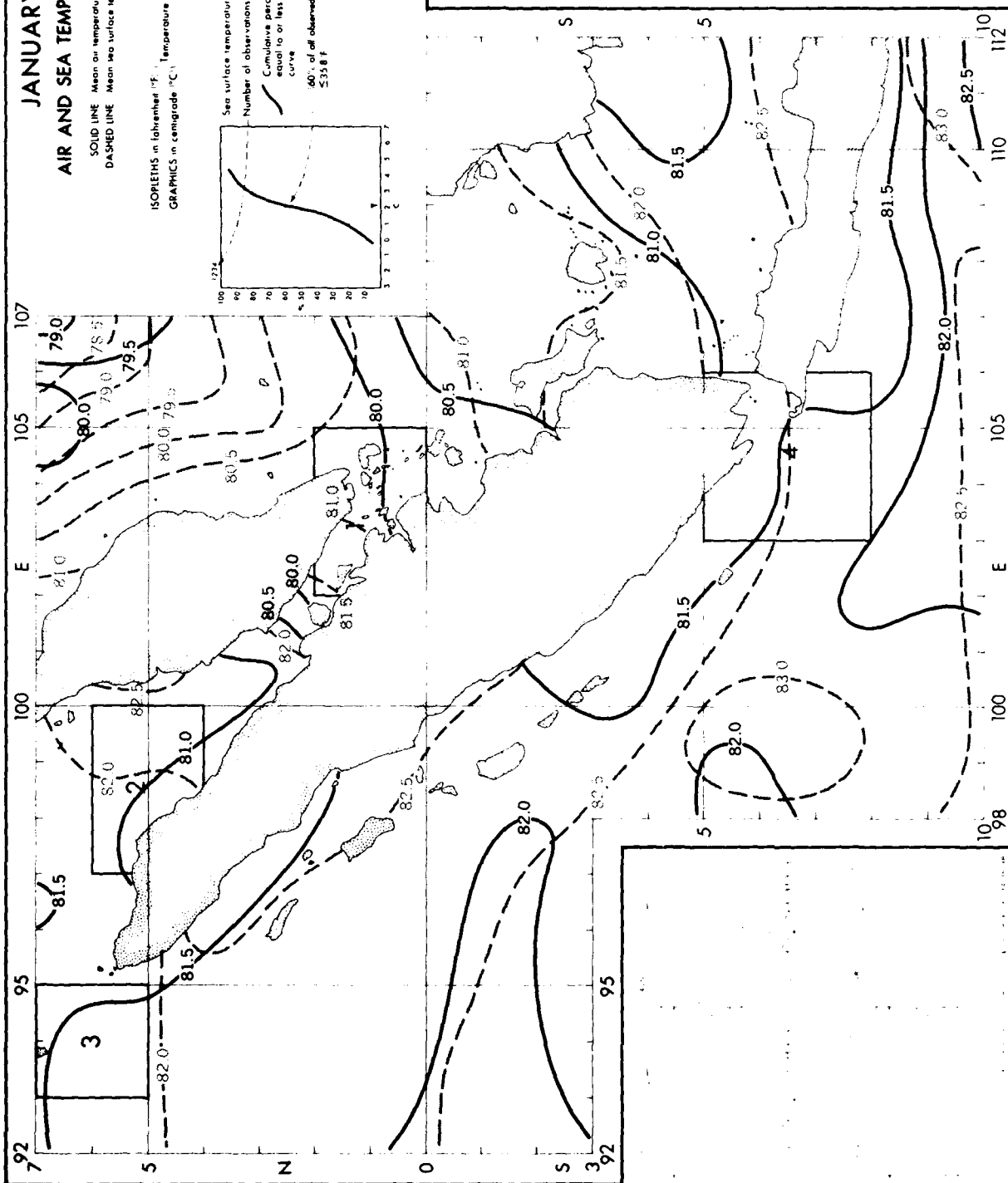
SOLID LINE Mean air temperature °F  
DASHED LINE Mean sea surface temperature °F

ISOPLTHS in Fahrenheit °F. Temperature conversion table below  
GRAPHICS in centigrade °C.



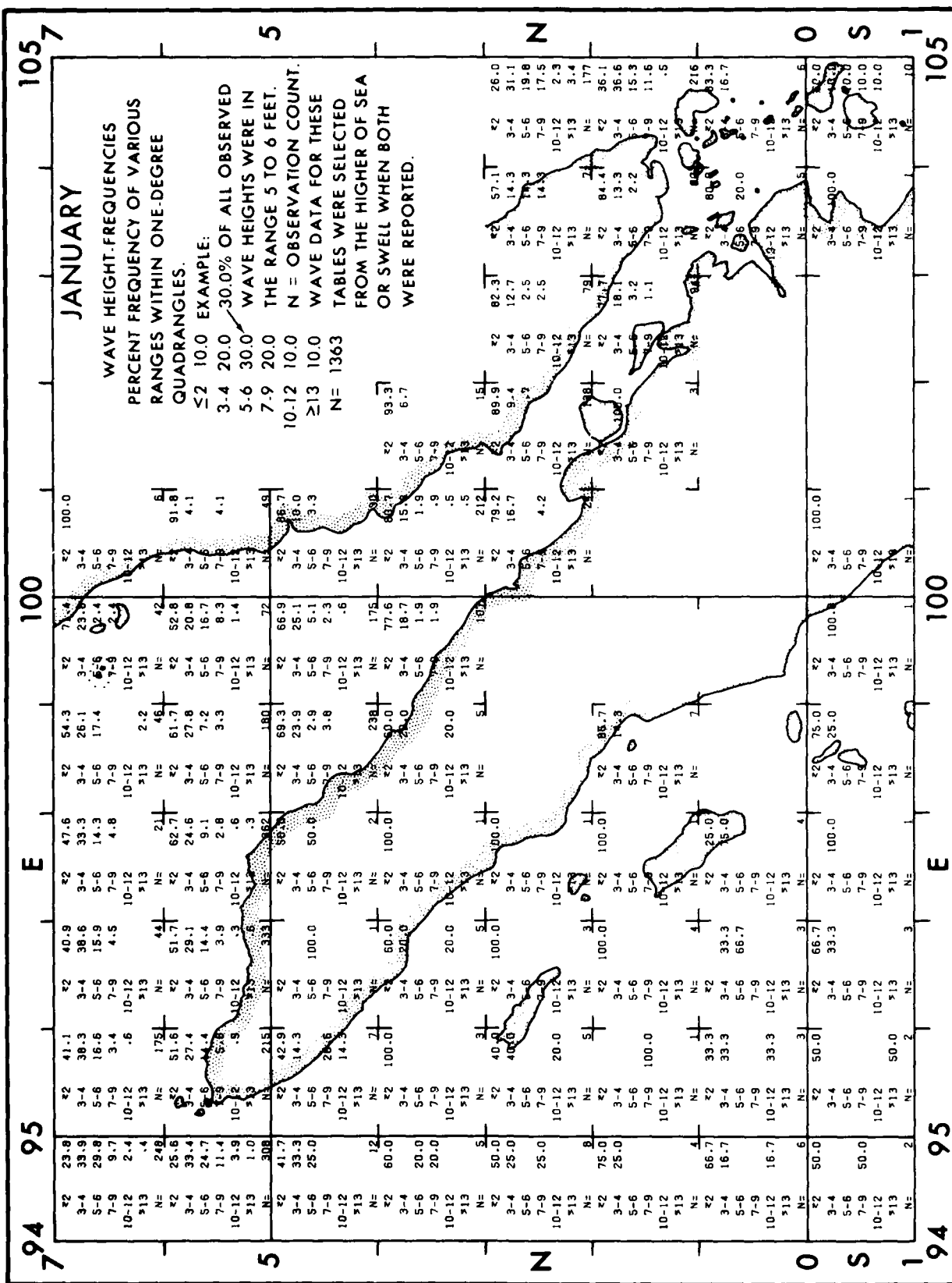
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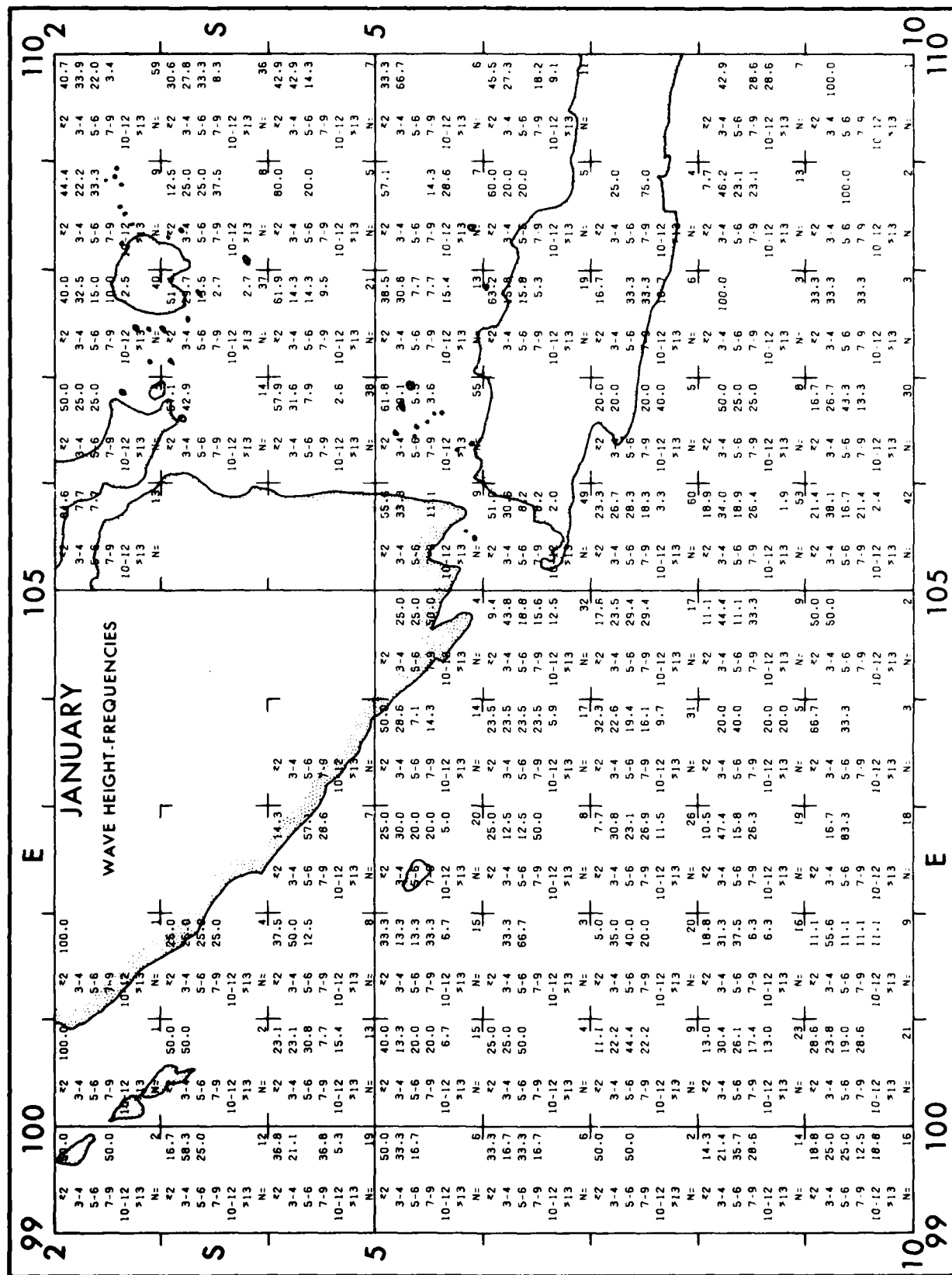
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24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
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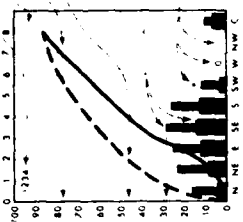


# FEBRUARY CLOUD COVER

SOLID LINE  
Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\geq 8$   
DASHED LINE  
Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\geq 8$

Cumulative percent frequency of indicated cloud amount equal to or less than the amount intersected by the curve

Number of observations



77% of all total cloud amounts were  $\leq 8$

46% of all low cloud amounts were  $\leq 8$

Low cloud amount Percent frequency of observations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by low cloud amounts  $\geq 8$  and  $\geq 7$

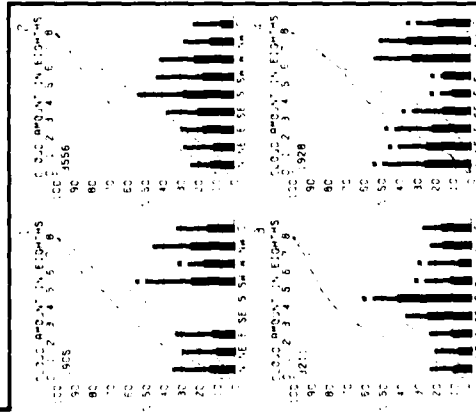
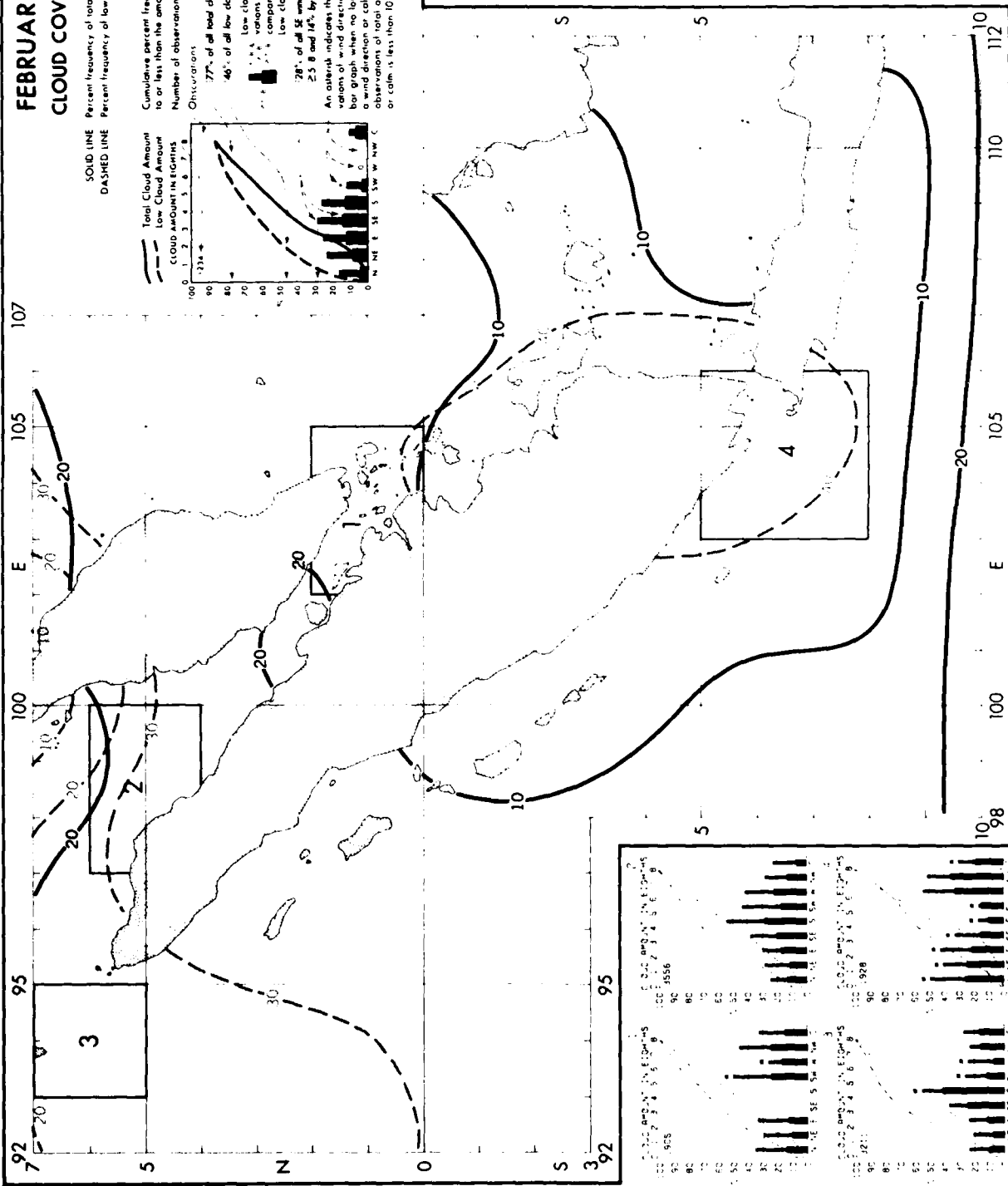
Low clouds are clouds with bases  $< 8000$  feet

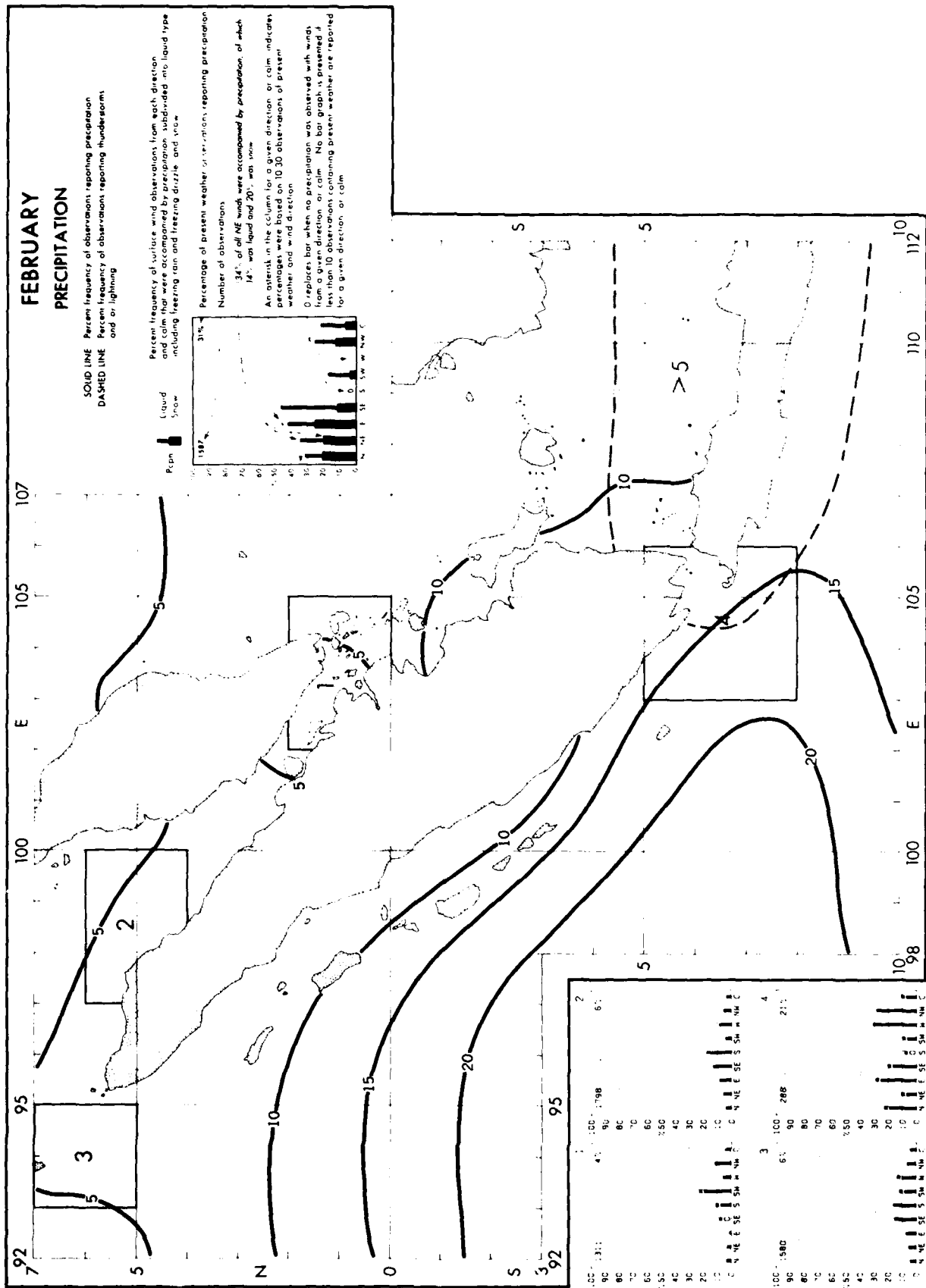
28% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 8$

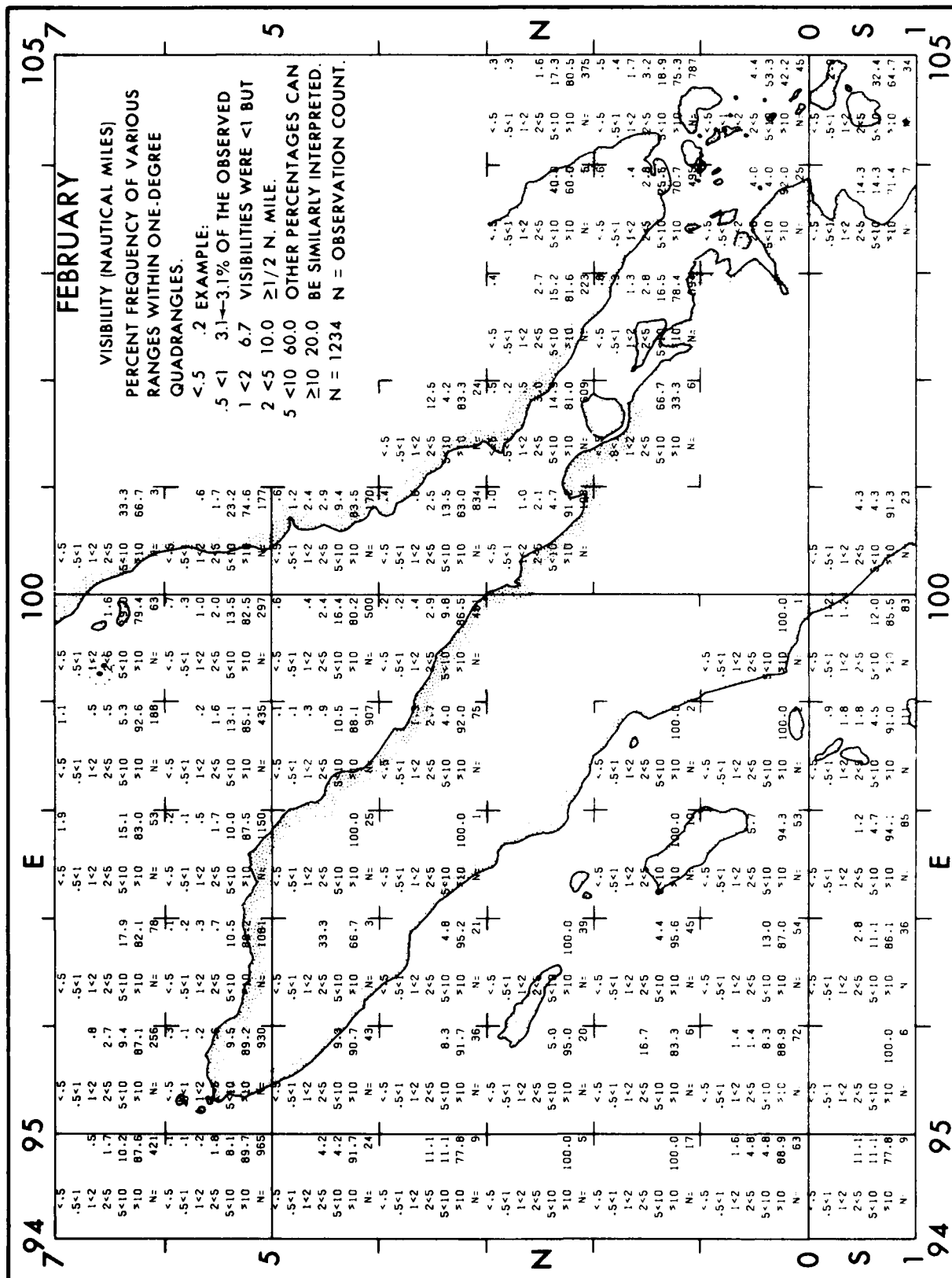
25% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 7$

An asterisk indicates that the percentage is based on 1030 observations of wind direction total and low cloud amount

0 replaces a wind direction or calm 0 or bar is omitted when number of observations of total and low cloud amount from a wind direction or calm is less than 10









SOLID LINE      Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and/or visibility <5 nautical miles.

DASHED LINE      Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and/or visibility <10 nautical miles.

LOW cloud ceiling      Visibility

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings, hundreds of feet, and visibilities, nautical miles.

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds, i. when low cloud amount  $N_h \geq 8$

Observations are included under ceiling 0 < 15

N.C. 'no ceiling' includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of  $N_h \leq 5$

12' of all observations reported ceiling  $\geq 1000$  but <2000 feet simultaneously with visibility  $\geq 5$  but <10 nautical miles.

- indicates <5'; but >0

Number of observations

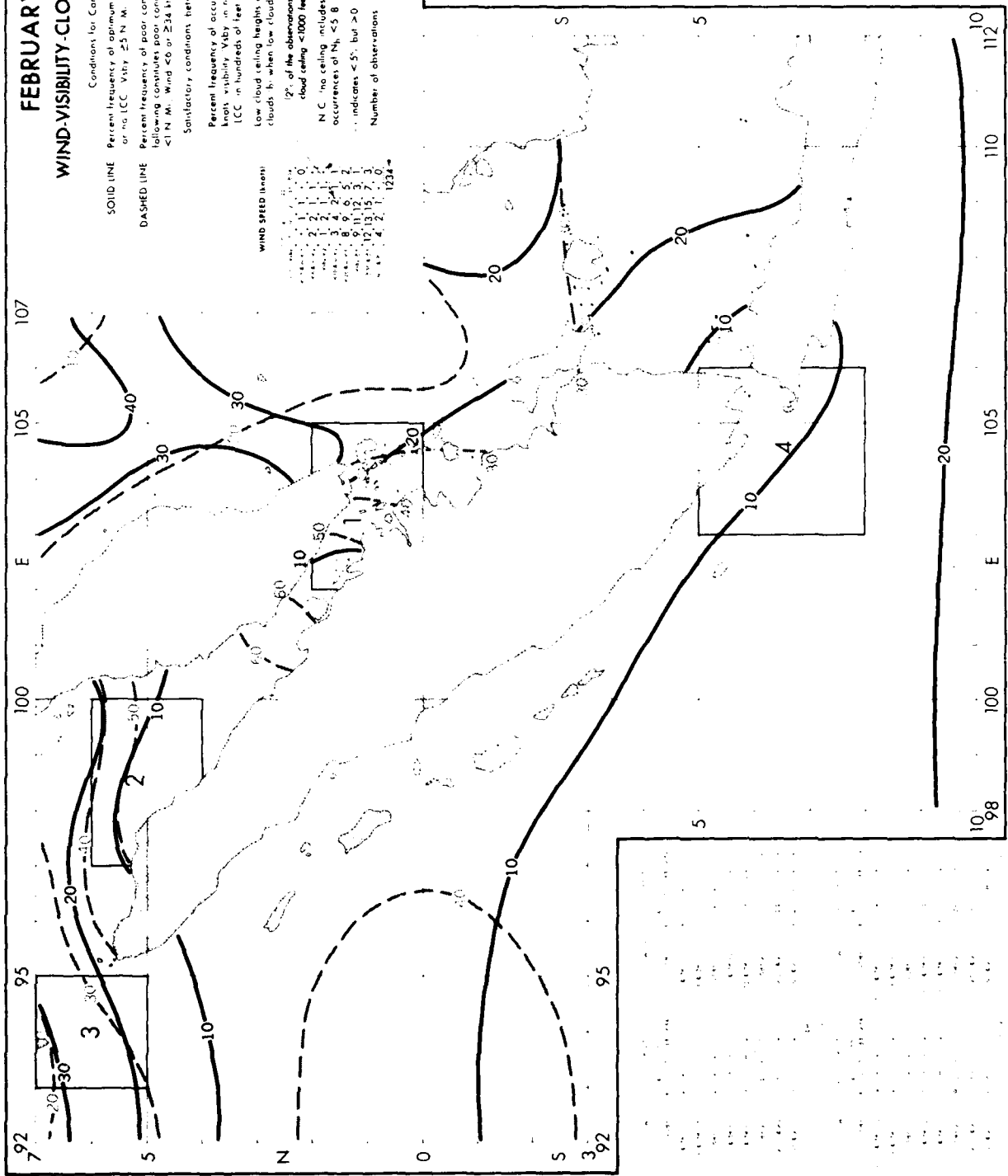


# **FEBRUARY** **WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS**

Conditions for Carrier Operations  
 Solid line Percent frequency of optimum conditions, LCC  $\geq 50\%$  ft or no LCC. Wind  $\geq 25$  N.W. and Wind 11-21 kts.  
 Dashed line Percent frequency of poor conditions. Any one of the following constitutes poor conditions: LCC  $< 50\%$  ft,  $\leq 14$  M, Wind  $\leq 6$  or  $\geq 24$  kts.  
 Satisfactory conditions between poor and optimum.  
 Percent frequency of occurrence of specified wind speed in knots, visibility in nautical miles, and low cloud ceiling LCC in hundreds of feet.  
 Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds ft when low cloud amount  $N_h$  is  $\geq 5$ .  
 12% of the observations reported wind speed of 11-21 knots, a low cloud ceiling  $< 1000$  feet and or visibility  $< 2$  nautical miles.  
 N.C. no ceiling included bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of  $N_h < 5$ .  
 ... indicates  $< 5\%$ , but  $\geq 0$ .  
 Number of observations

WIND SPEED (knots)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30





# FEBRUARY SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (loop scale). Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (baron scale). Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

14% of all winds were from the N

1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots

The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots

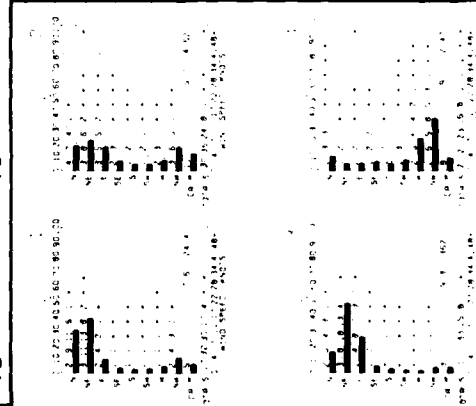
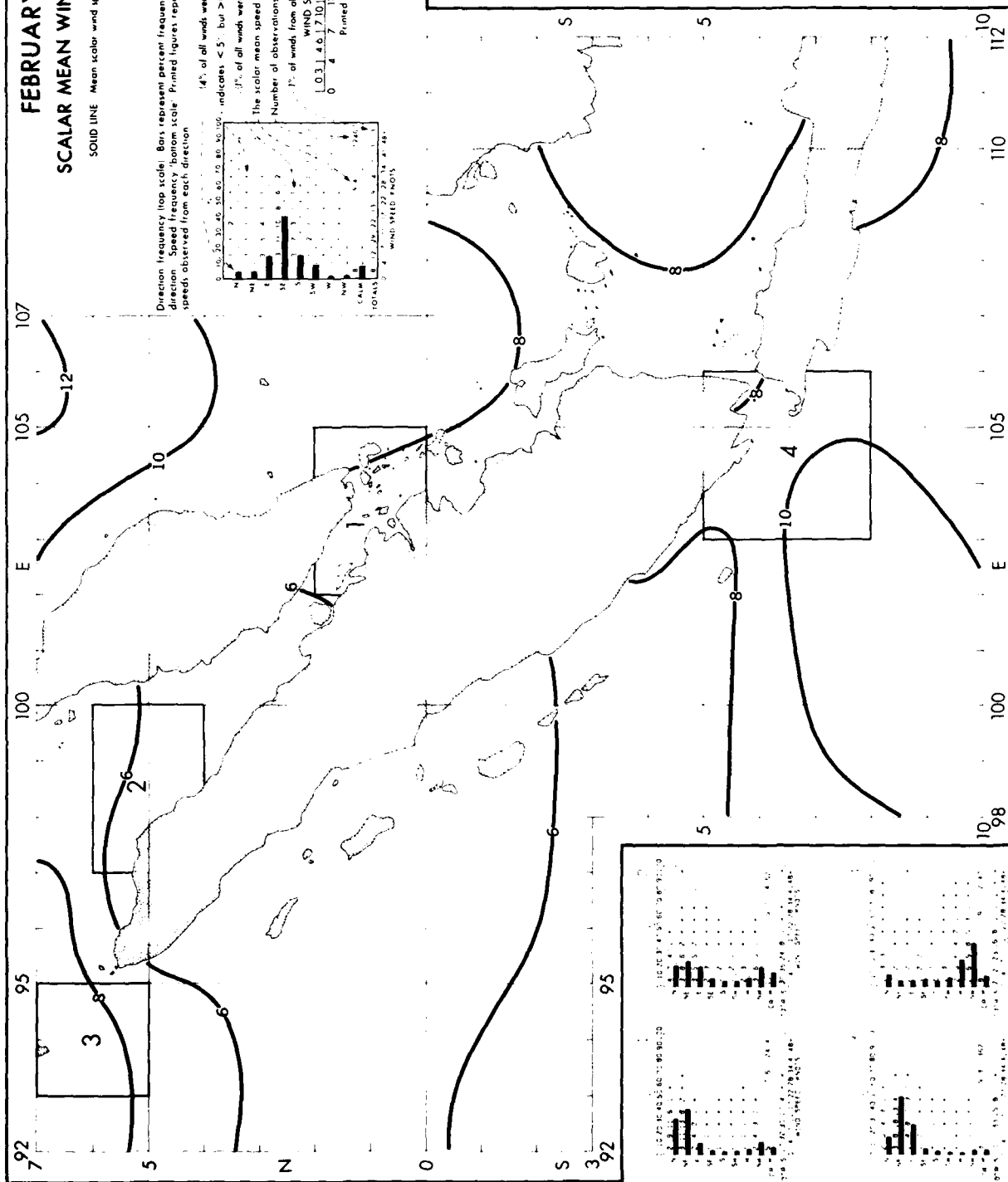
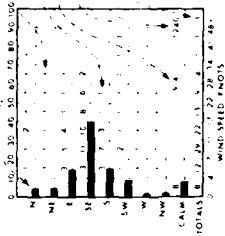
Number of observations

1% of winds from all directions had wind speed 2-48 knots

WIND SPEED INTERVAL KNOTS

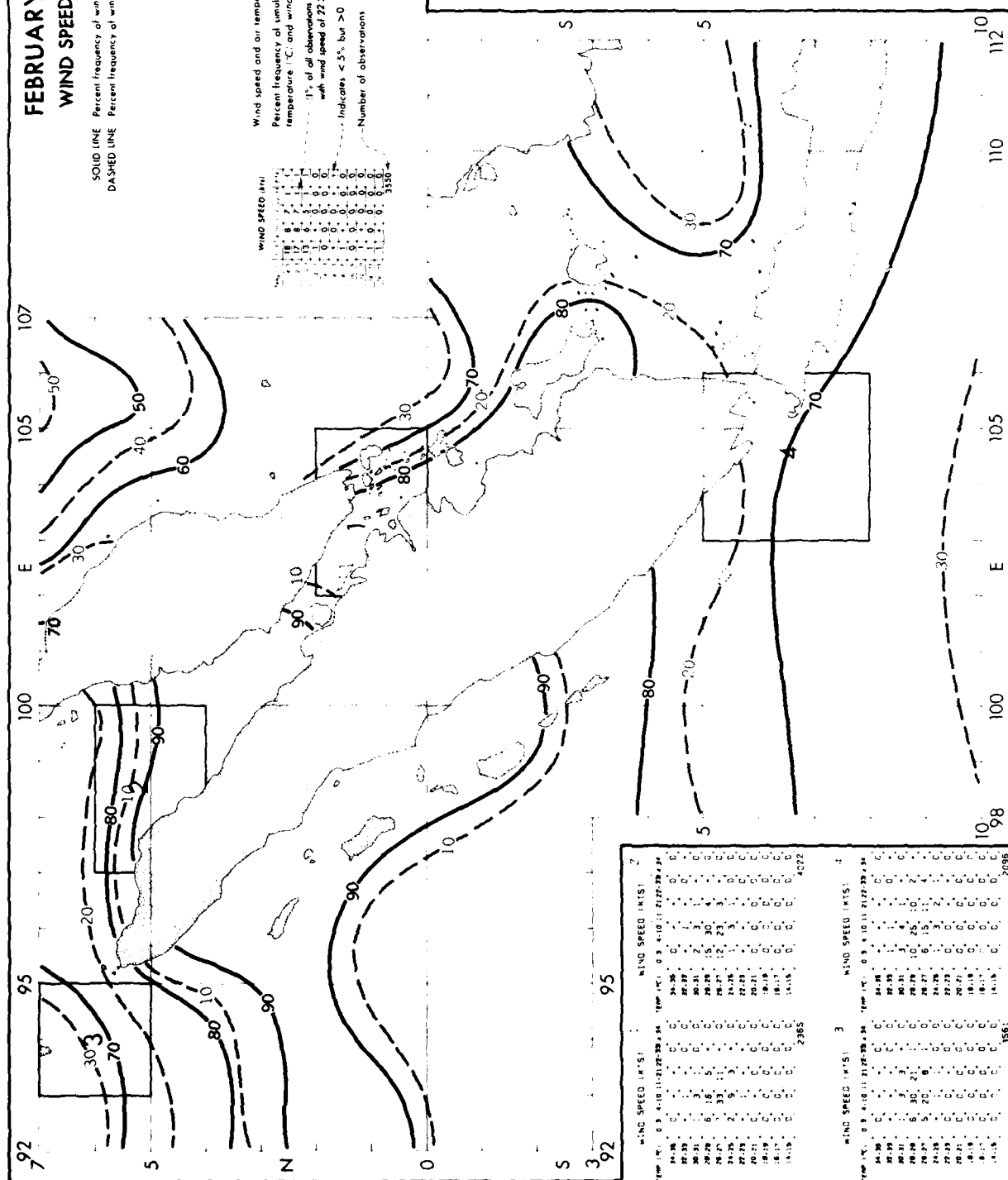
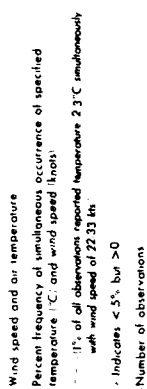
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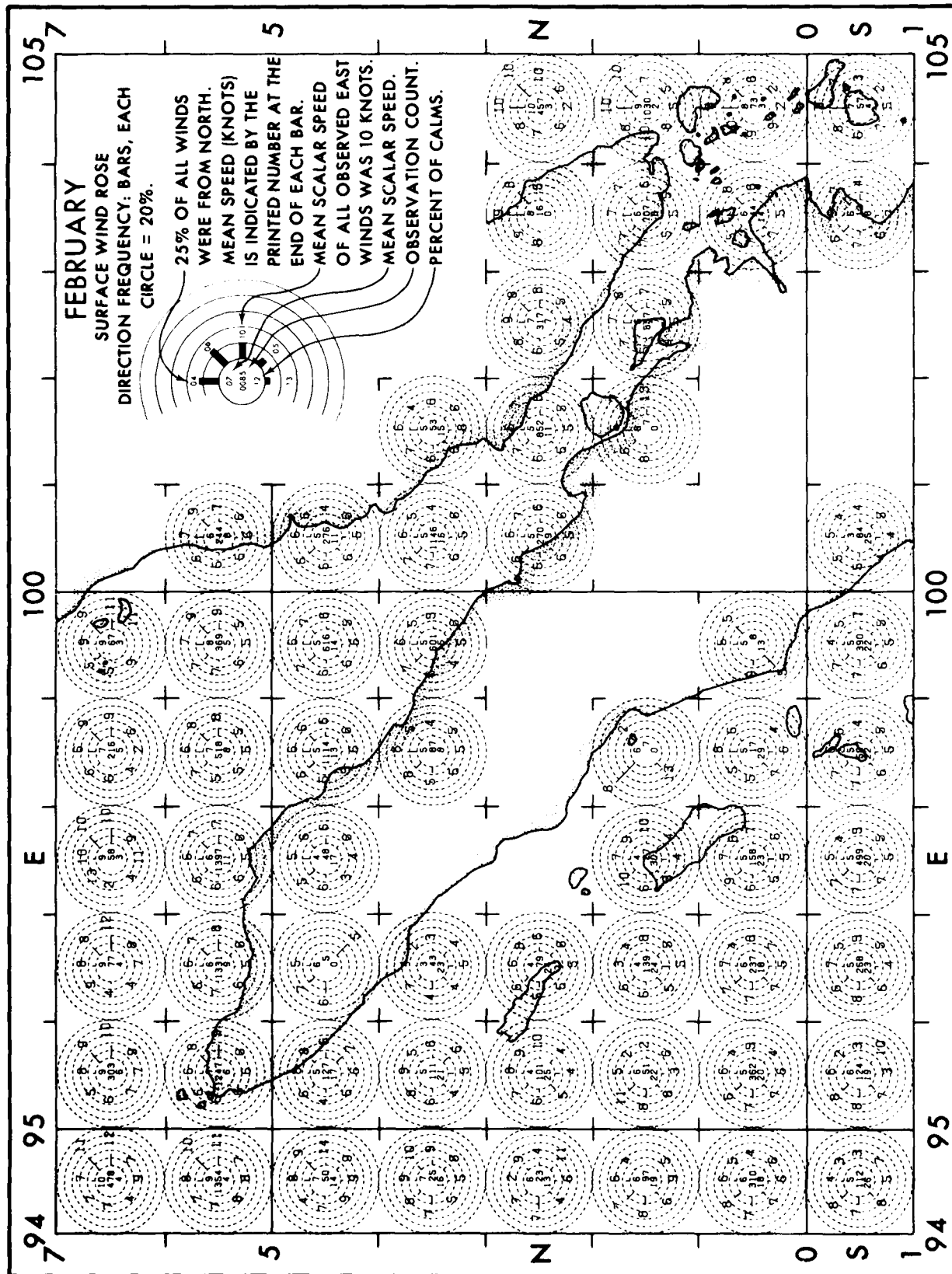
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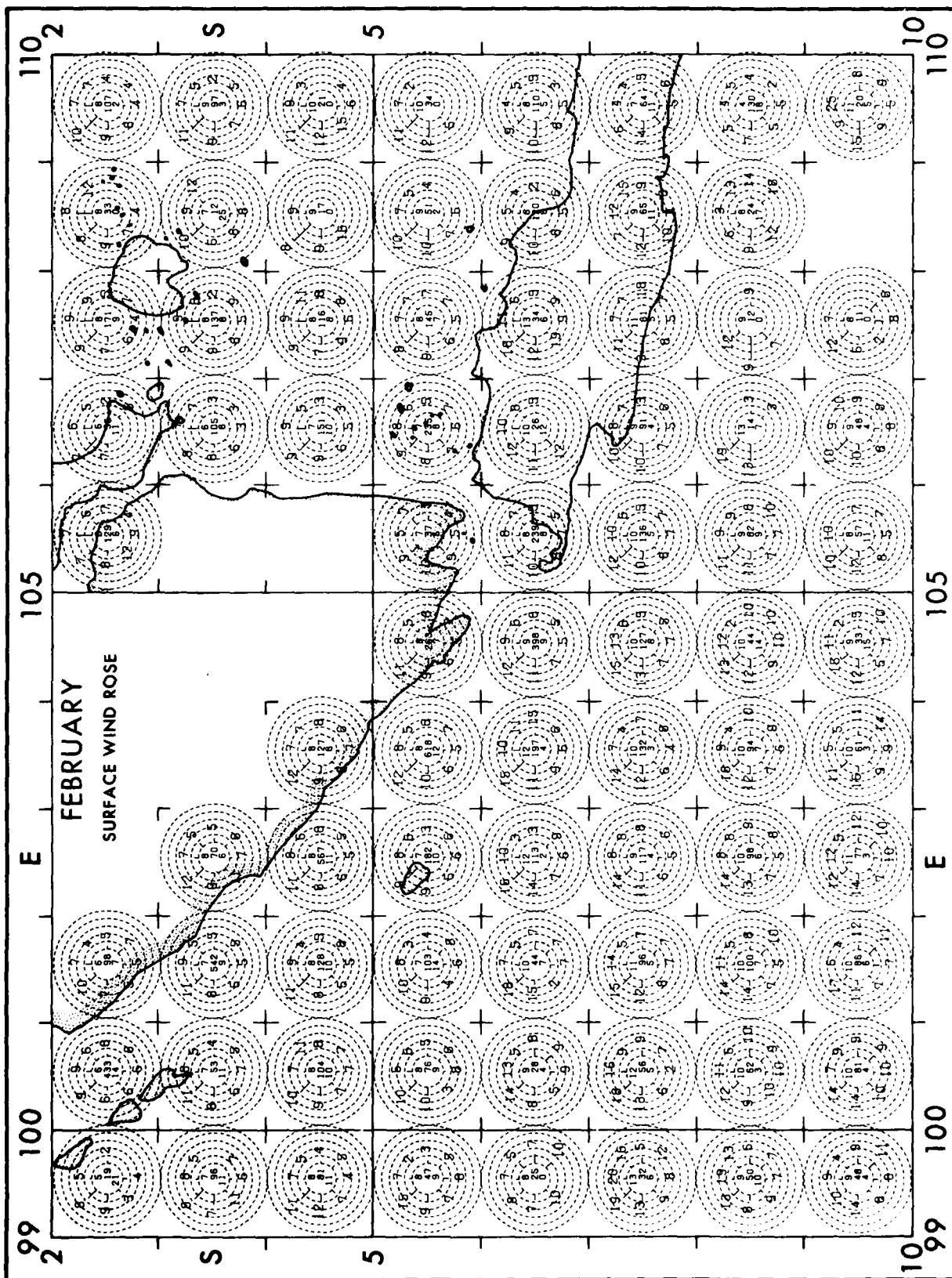


**WIND SPEED**

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wind speed  $< 11$  knots  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wind speed  $11-21$  knots



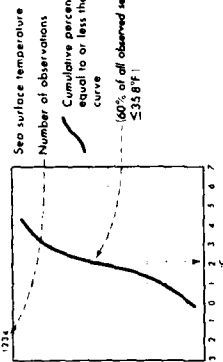




# FEBRUARY AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

SOLID LINE Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

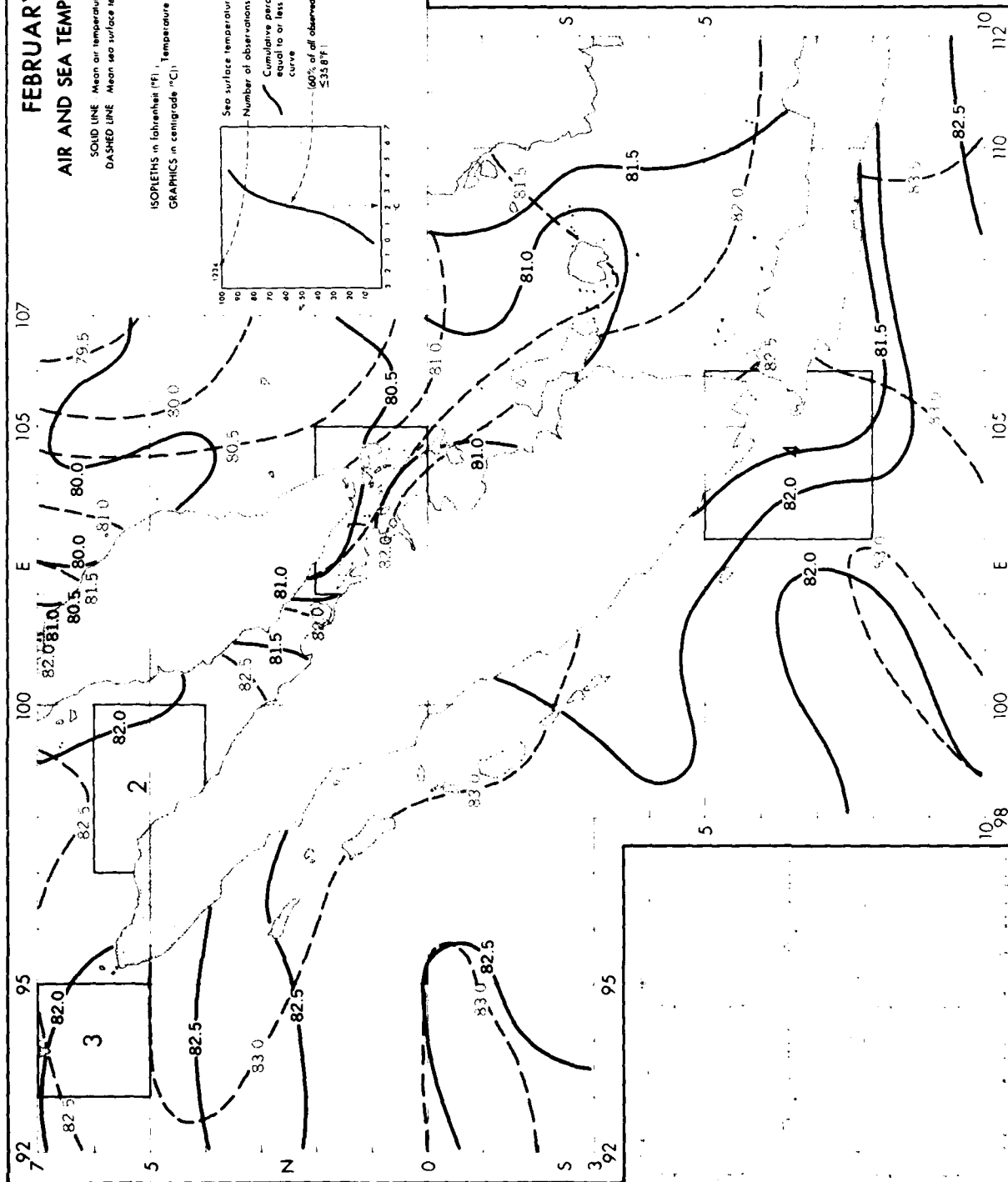
ISOPLETHS in Fahrenheit (°F) Temperature conversion table below  
GRAPHICS in centigrade (°C)



Cumulative percent frequency of sea surface temperatures equal to or less than the temperature intersected by the curve  
60% of all observed sea surface temperatures were 52.7°C or 53.5°F

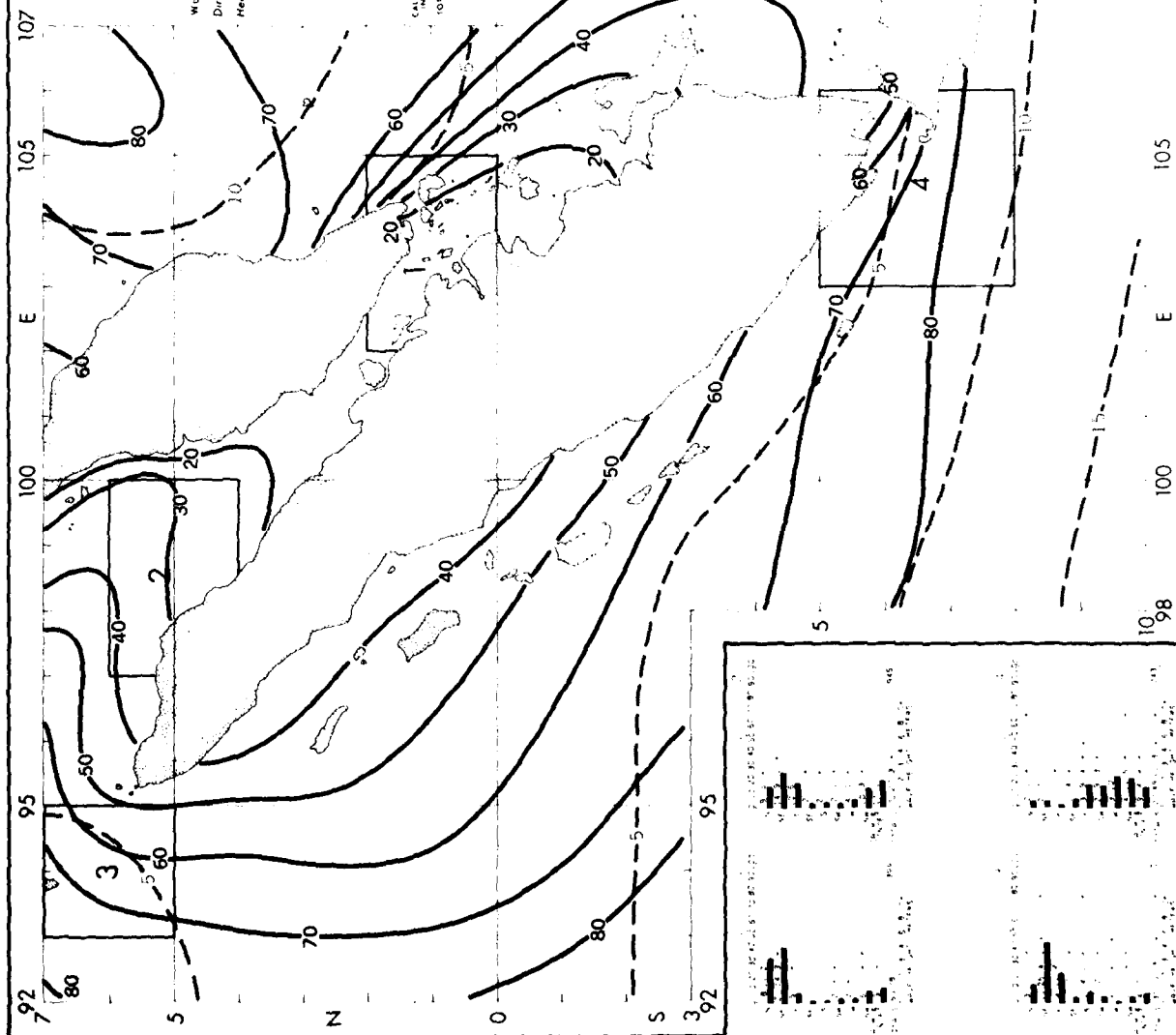
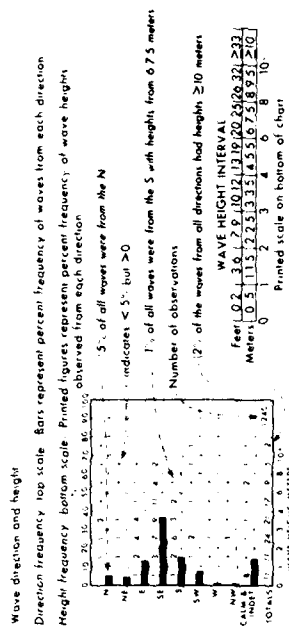
## CONVERSION TABLE

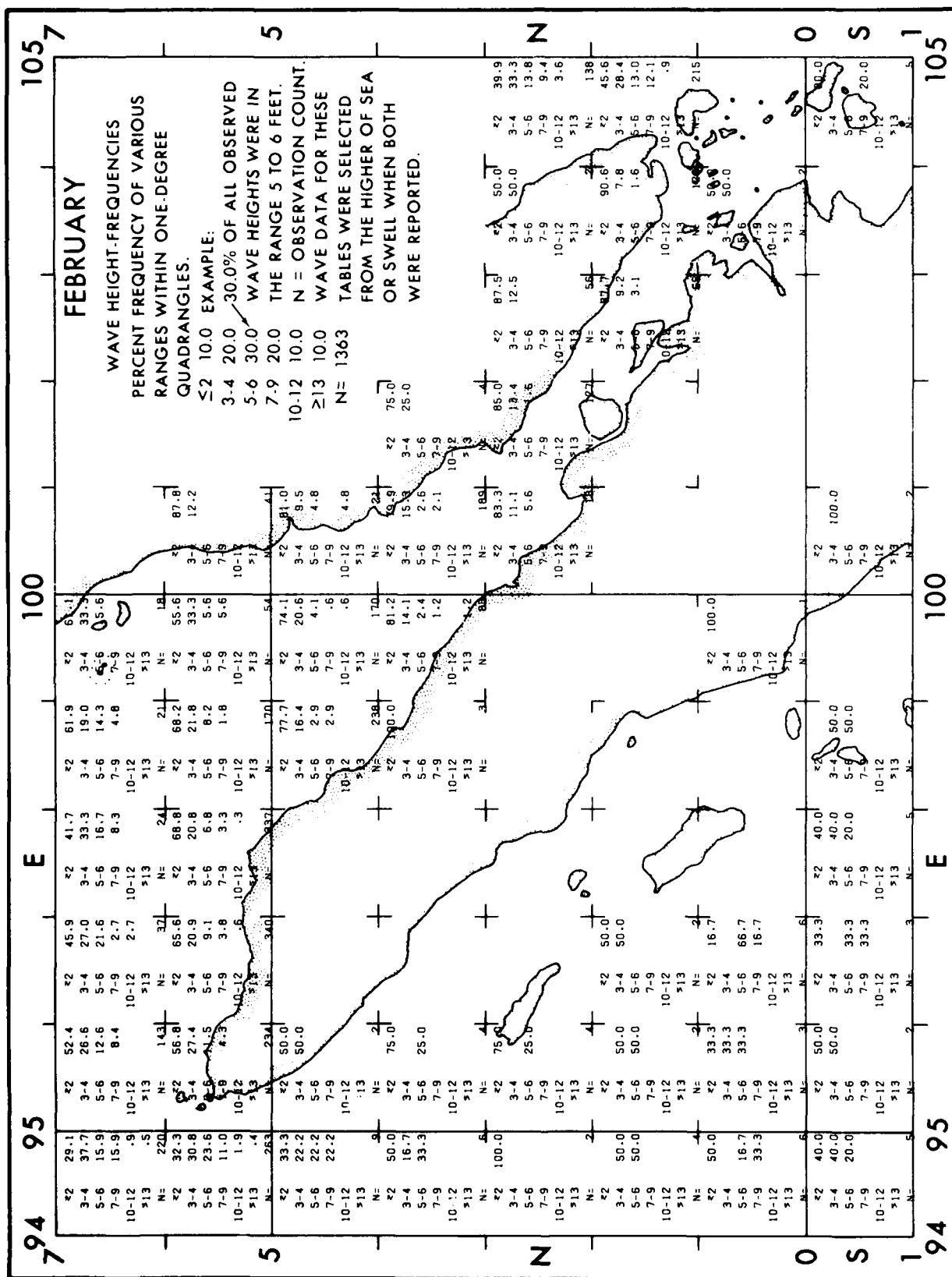
°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
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38	100.4
39	102.2

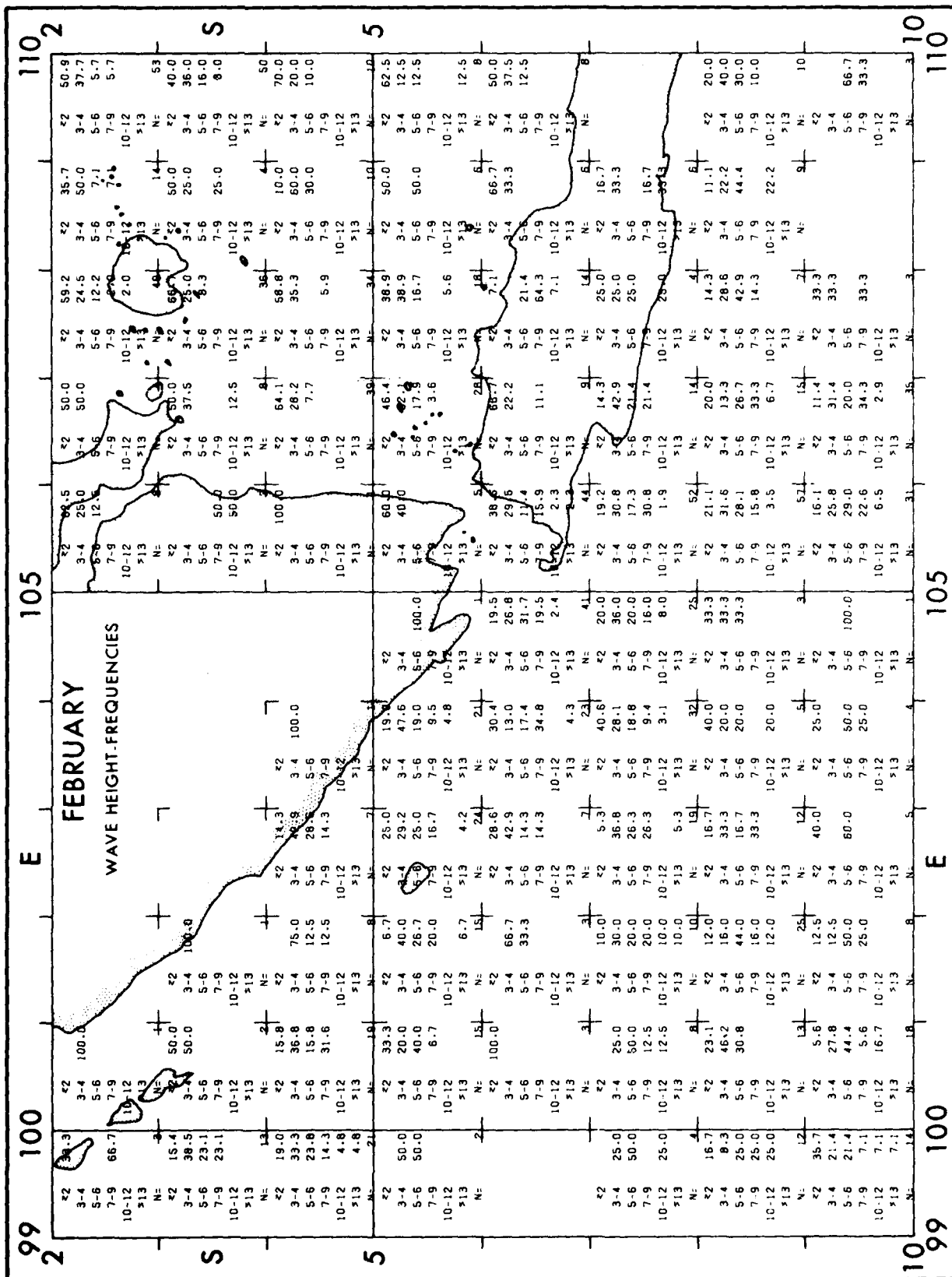


# FEBRUARY WAVES

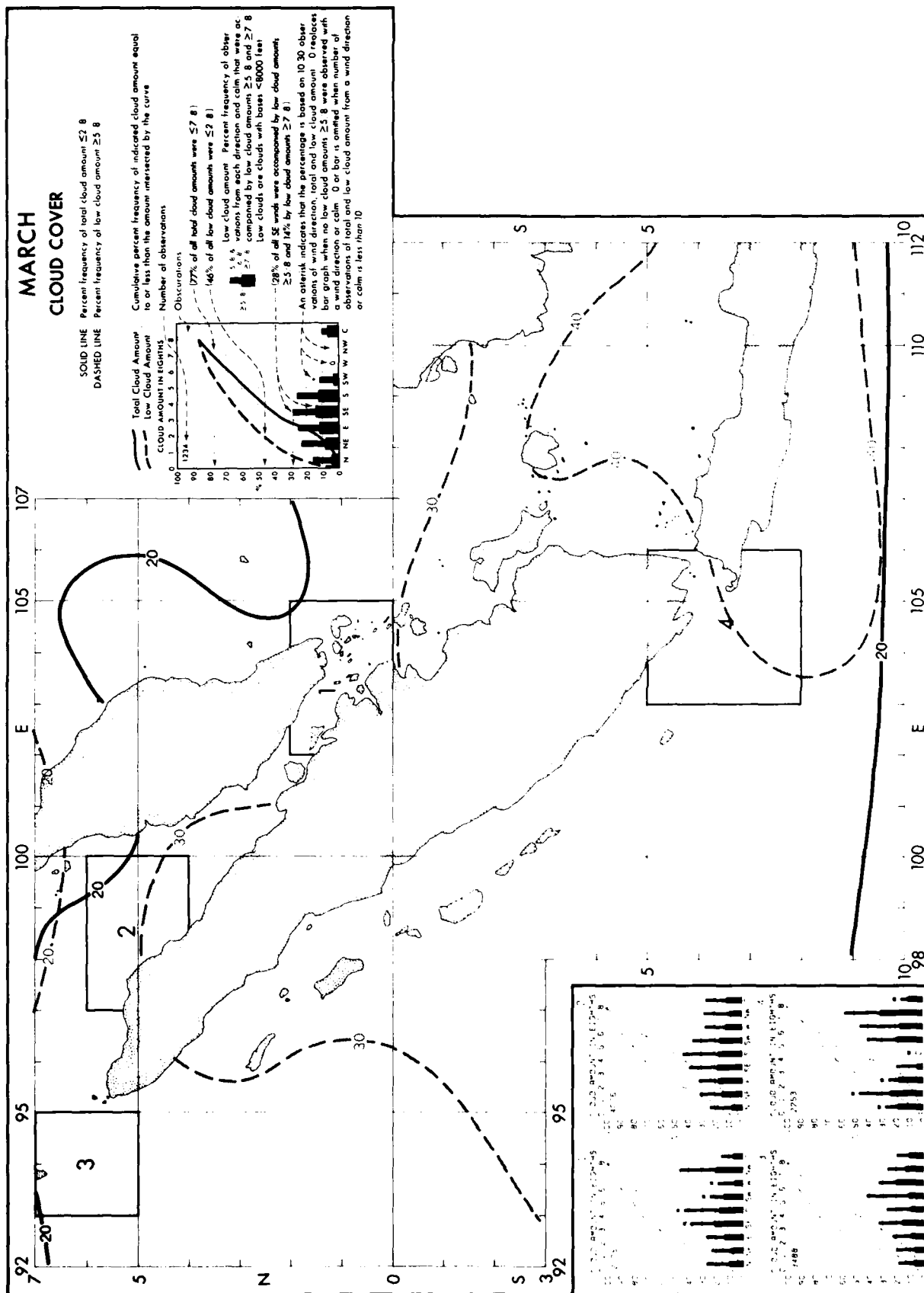
SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet











# MARCH PRECIPITATION

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting precipitation  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting thunderstorms  
and or lightning

Percent frequency of storm and calm that were accompanied by precipitation, including freezing rain and freezing drizzle and sleet

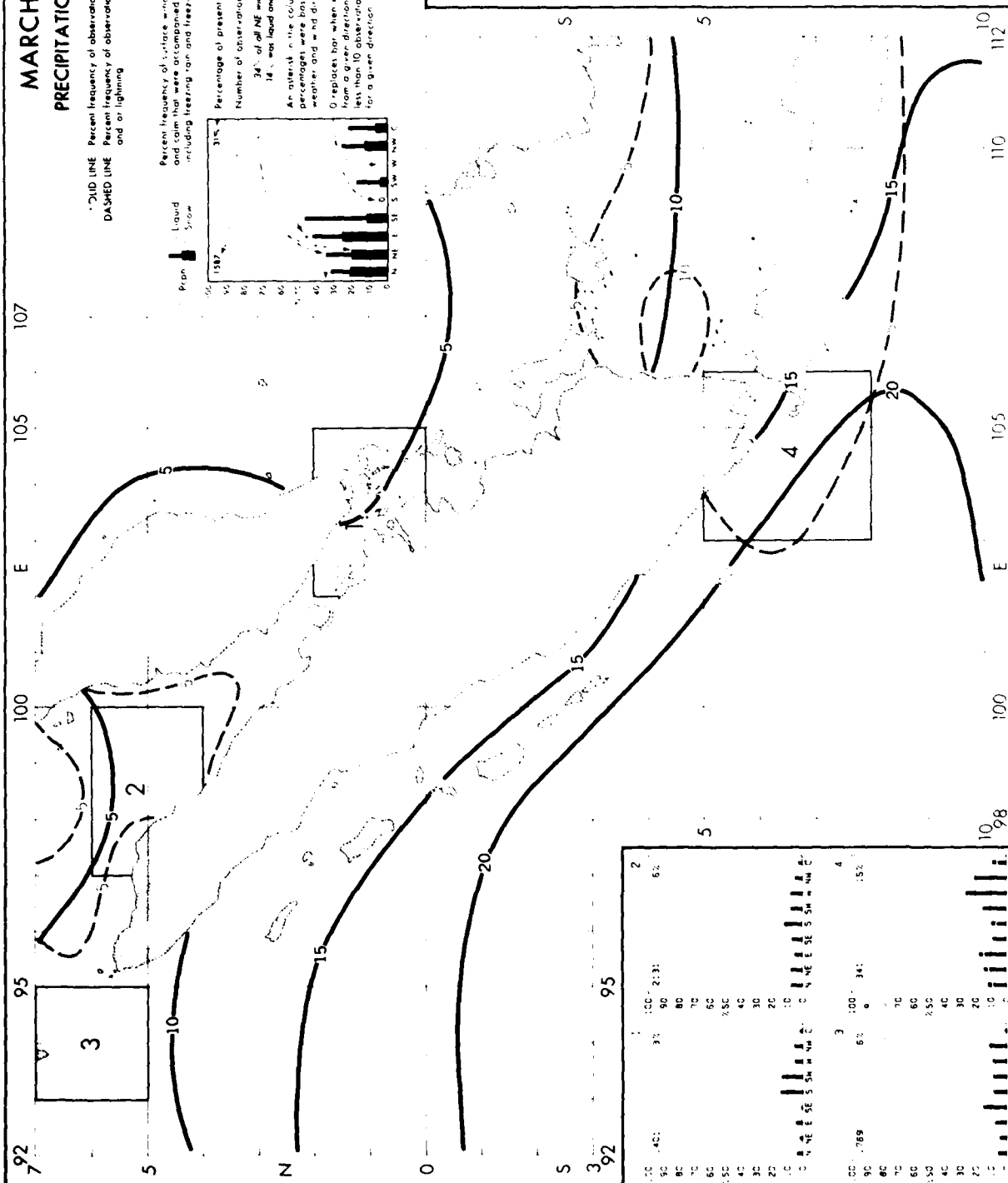
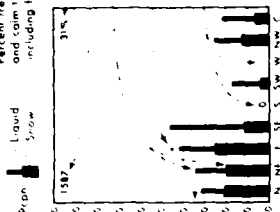
Percent frequency of present weather (precipitation) reporting precipitation

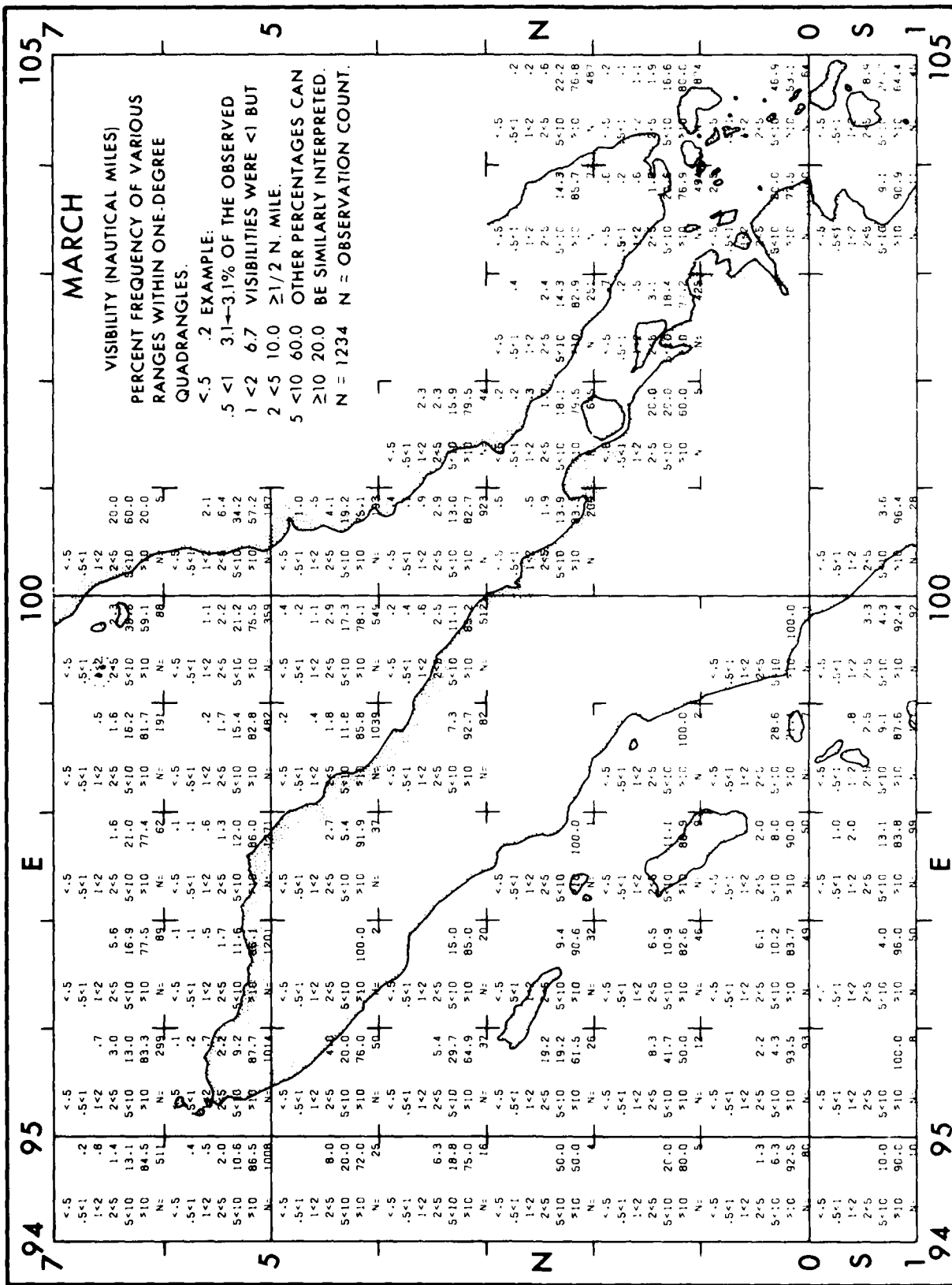
Number of observations

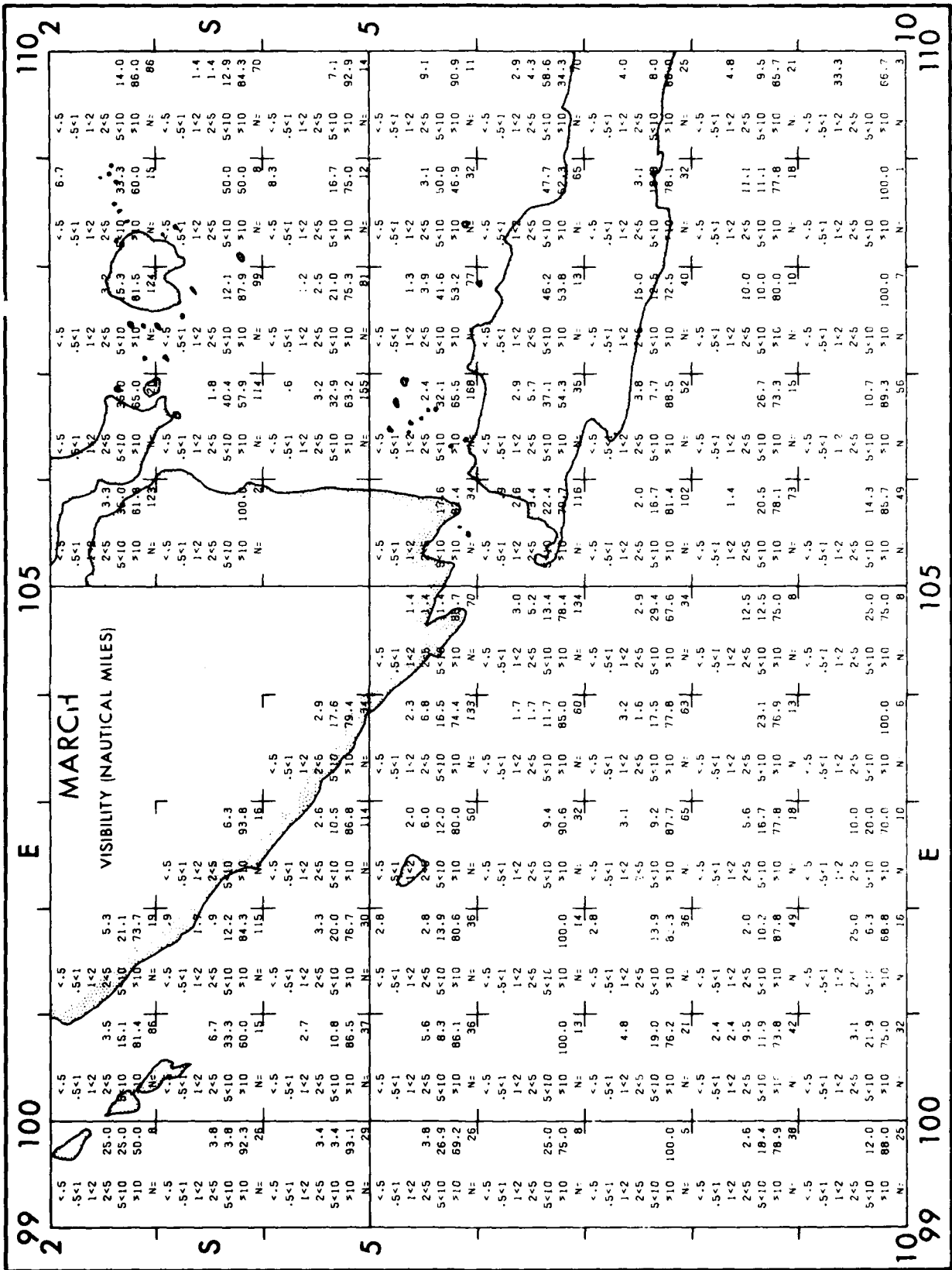
34% of all NE winds were accompanied by precipitation, of which 14% was liquid and 20% was snow

An asterisk in the column for a given direction or rain indicates percentages were based on 10-30 observations of present weather and wind direction

0 replaces bar when no precipitation was observed with winds from a given direction or rain. No bar graph is presented if less than 10 observations containing present weather are reported for a given direction or calm







# MARCH CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

Low cloud ceiling Visibility

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings hundreds of feet and visibilities nautical miles

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds in when low cloud amount  $N_{lh}$  is  $\geq 3.8$

Observations are included under ceiling 0 <1.5

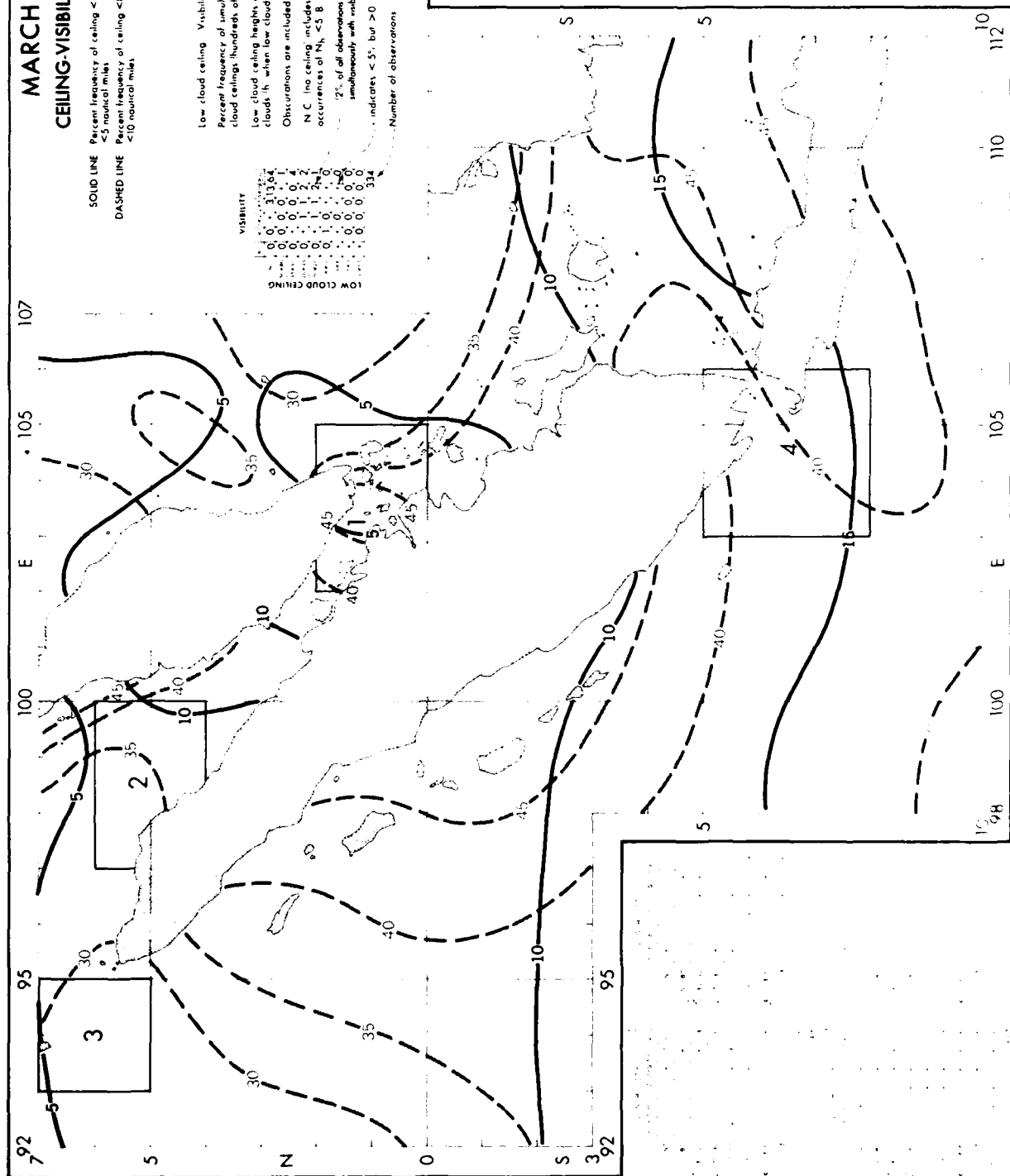
N C line ceiling includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of  $N_{lh} < 3.8$

2% of all observations reported ceiling  $\geq 1000$  but <2000 feet simultaneously with visibility  $\geq 5$  but <10 nautical miles

indicates <5% but >0

Number of observations

LOW CLOUD CEILING	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
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## SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale). Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale). Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

4% of all winds were from the N

indices < 5°, but > 0

1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22 knots

The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots

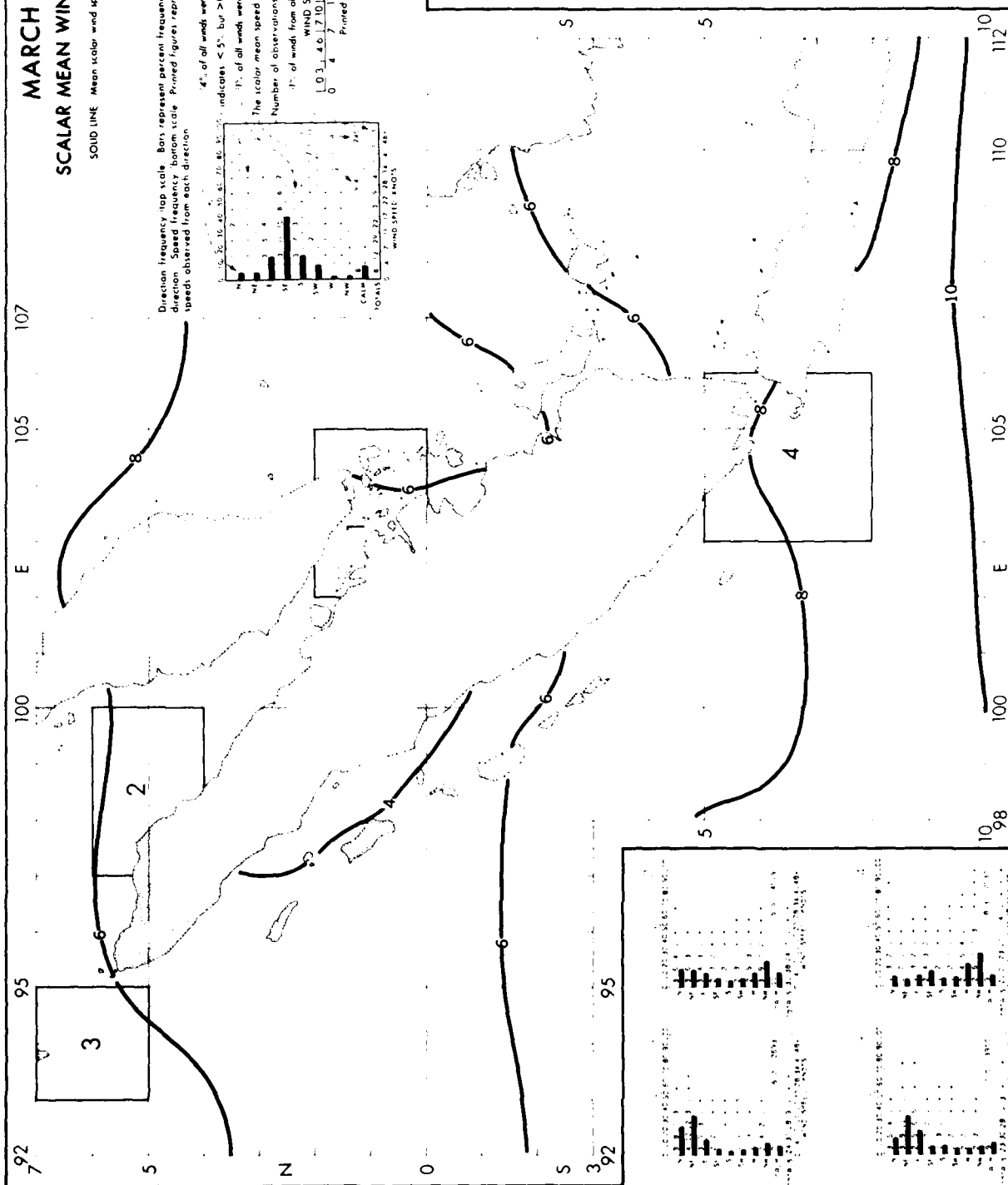
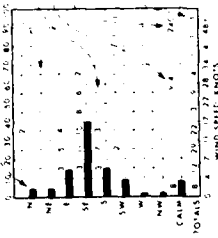
Number of observations

1% of winds from all directions had wind speed ≥ 48 knots

WIND SPEED INTERVAL, KNOTS

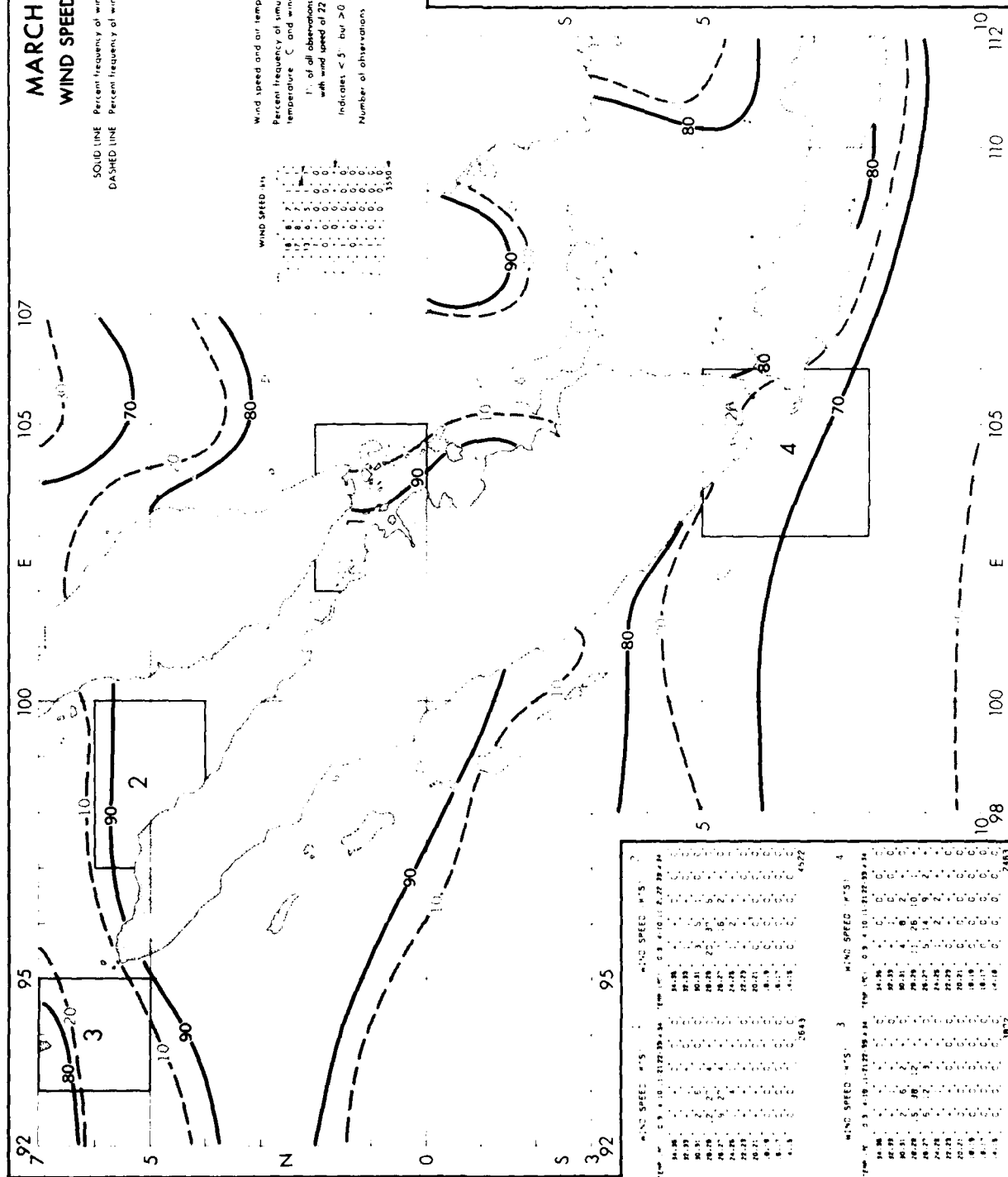
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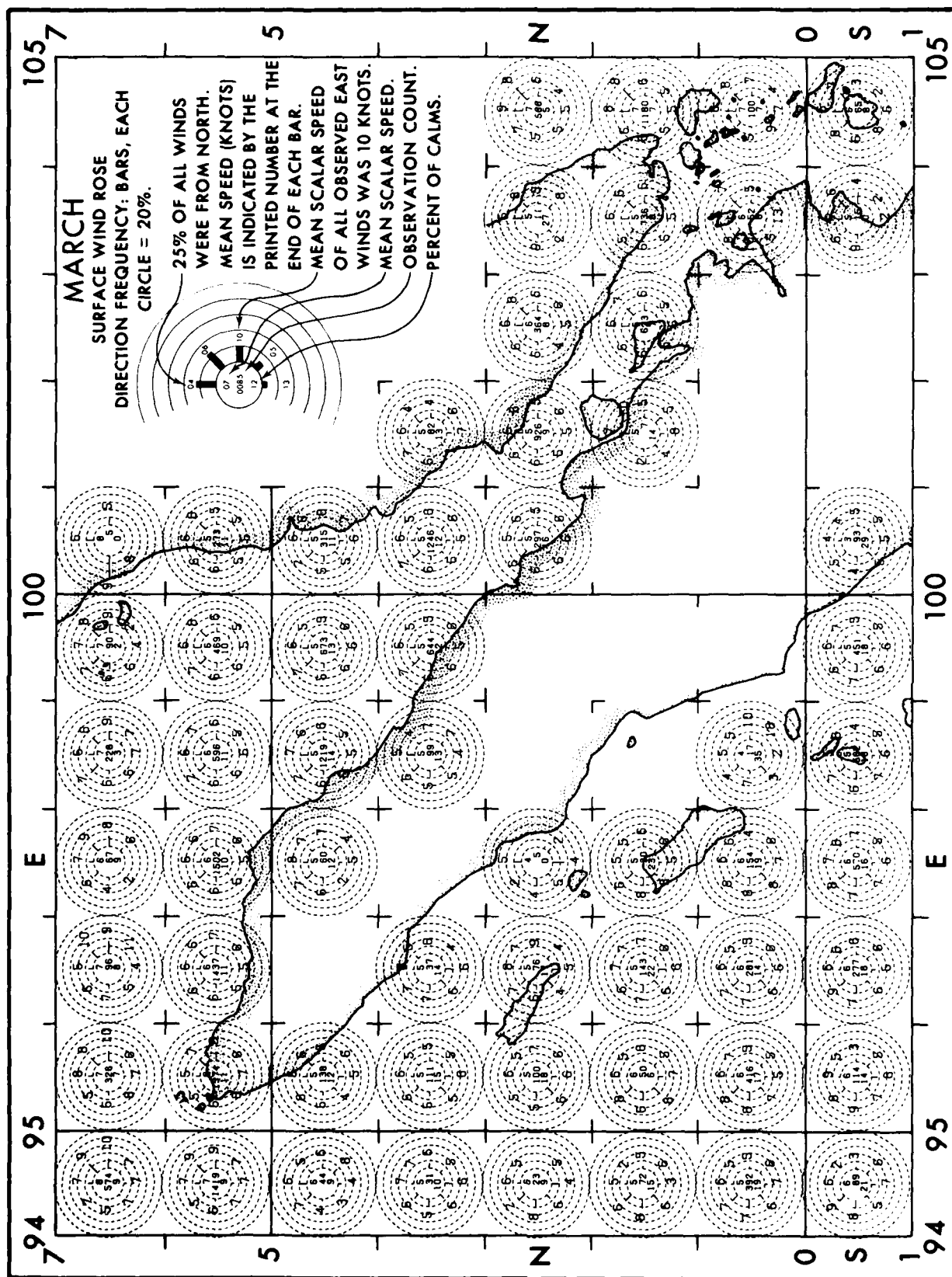


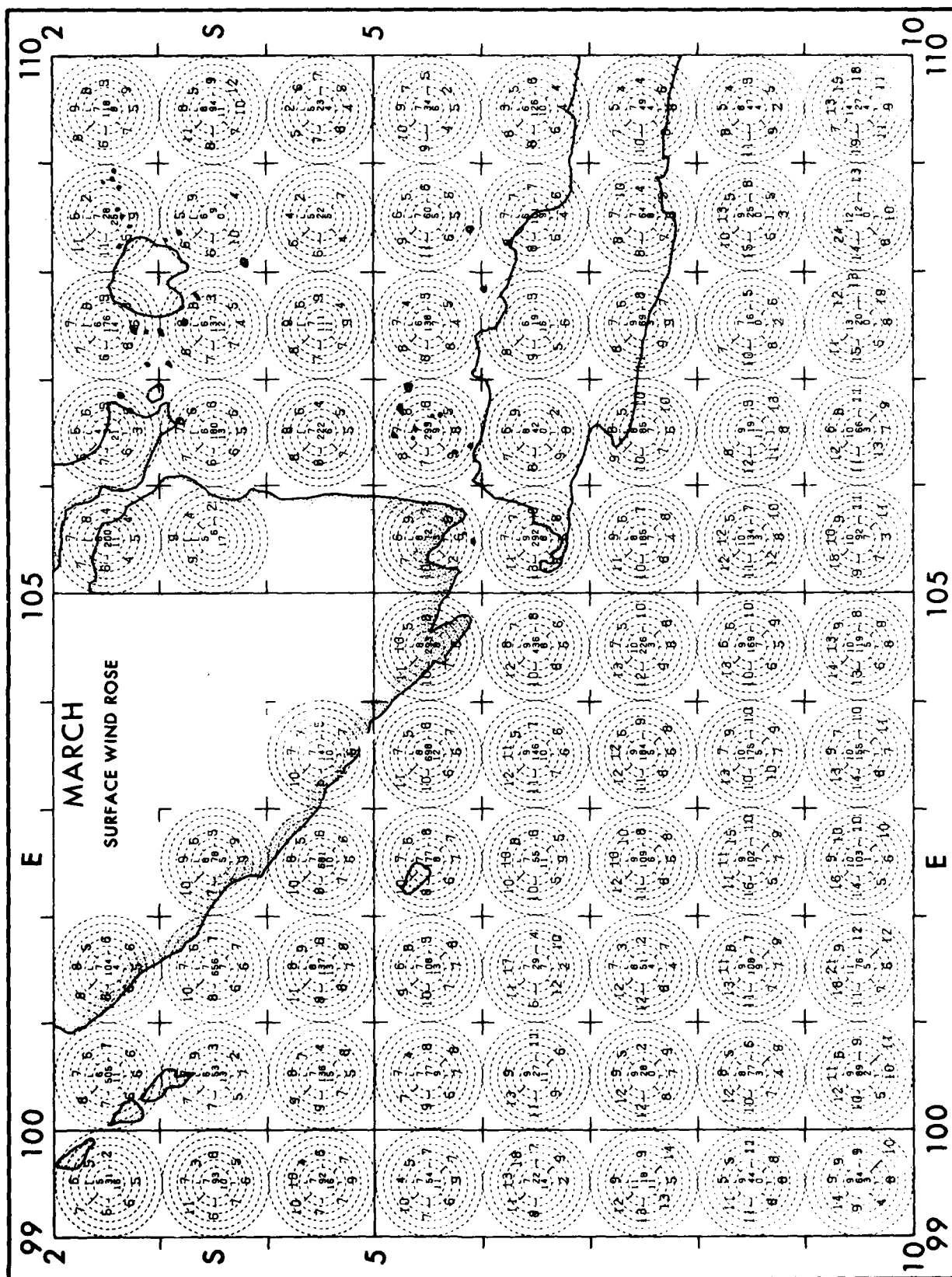
SOLID LINE    Percent frequency of wind speed  $\leq 11$  knots  
DASHED LINE    Percent frequency of wind speed  $\leq 21$  knots

Wind speed and air temperature  
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified  
temperature  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and wind speed knots  
1% of all observations reported temperature  $2.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  simultaneously  
with wind speed of 22 kts  
Indices  $< 5$ , but  $> 0$   
Number of observations









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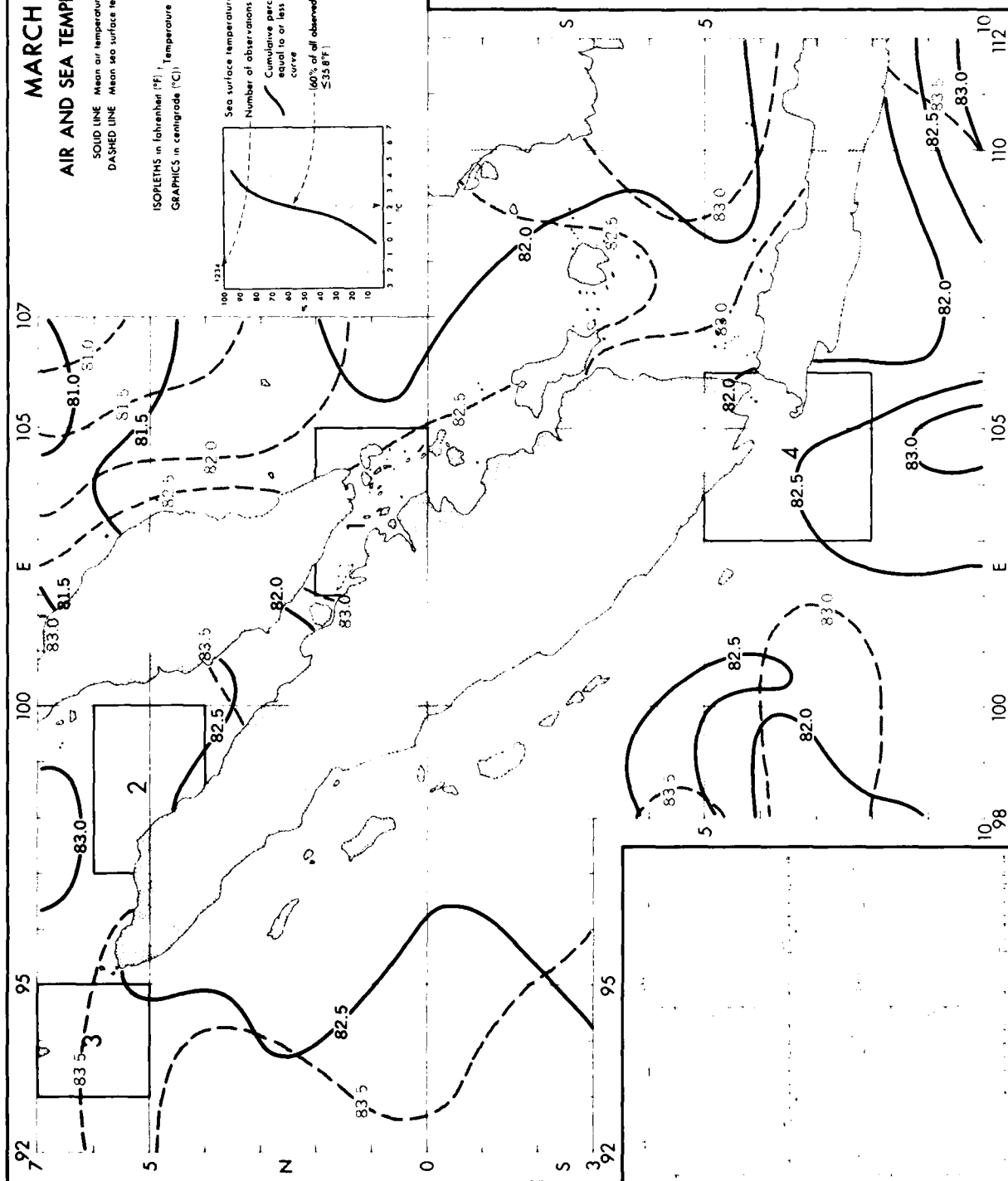
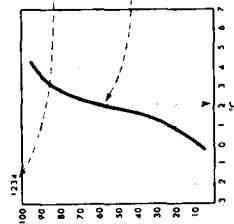
## AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

SOLID LINE Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

ISOPLETHS in Fahrenheit (°F) Temperature conversion table below  
GRAPHICS in centigrade (°C)

Sea surface temperature  
Number of observations

Cumulative percent frequency of sea surface temperatures sorted to or less than the temperature intersected by the curve  
(60% of all observed sea surface temperatures were 52.1°C or 53.8°F)



## CONVERSION TABLE

°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
31	87.8
32	89.6
33	91.4
34	93.2
35	95.0
36	96.8
37	98.6
38	100.4
39	102.2

# MARCH WAVES

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet

Wave direction and height

Direction frequency top scale. Bars represent percent frequency of waves from each direction.  
Height frequency bottom scale. Printed figures represent percent frequency of wave heights.

Number of observations

Indicates  $< 5\%$  but  $> 0$

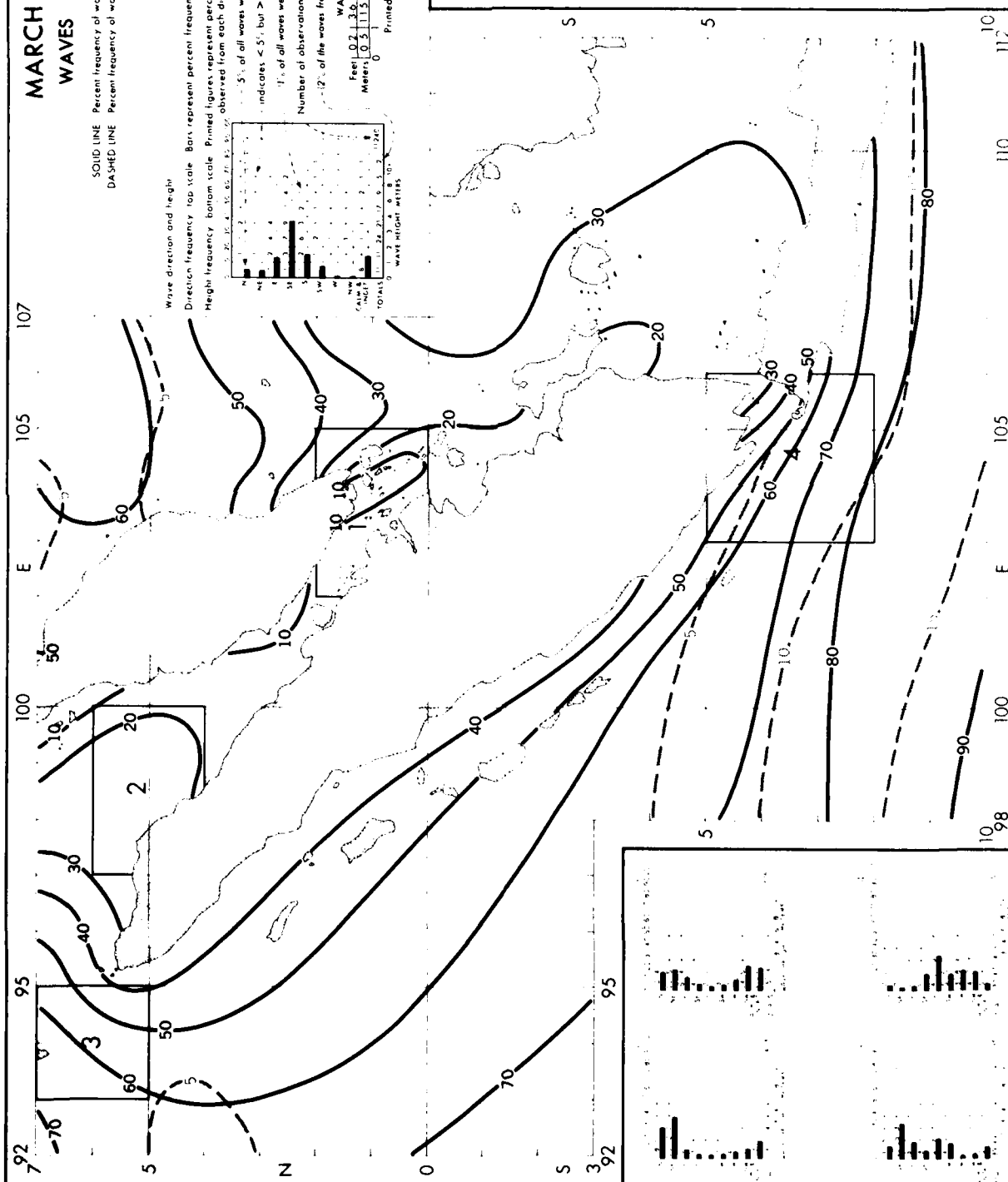
1% of all waves were from the S with heights from 6.75 meters

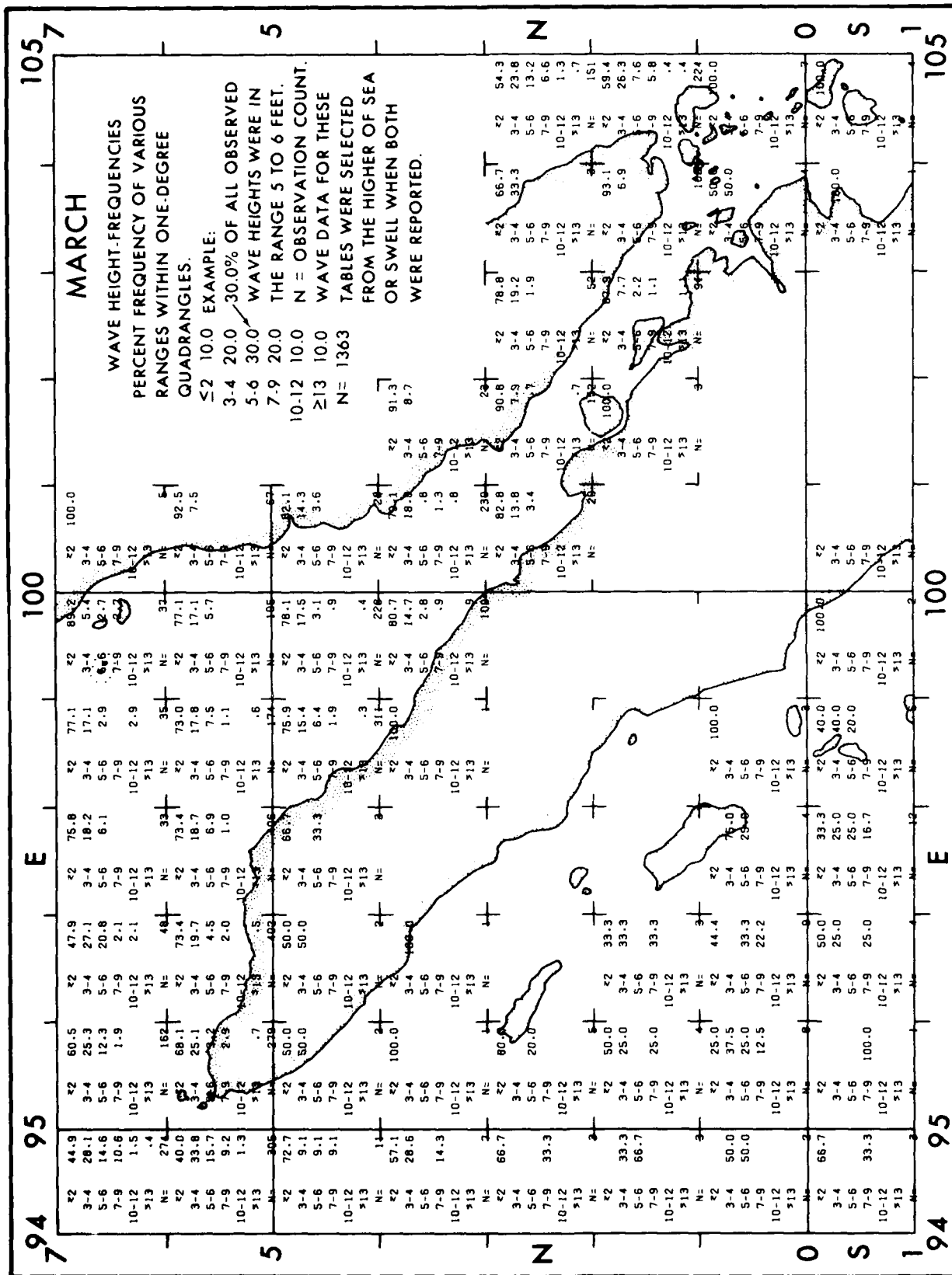
2% of the waves from all directions had heights  $\geq 10$  meters

WAVE HEIGHT INTERVAL

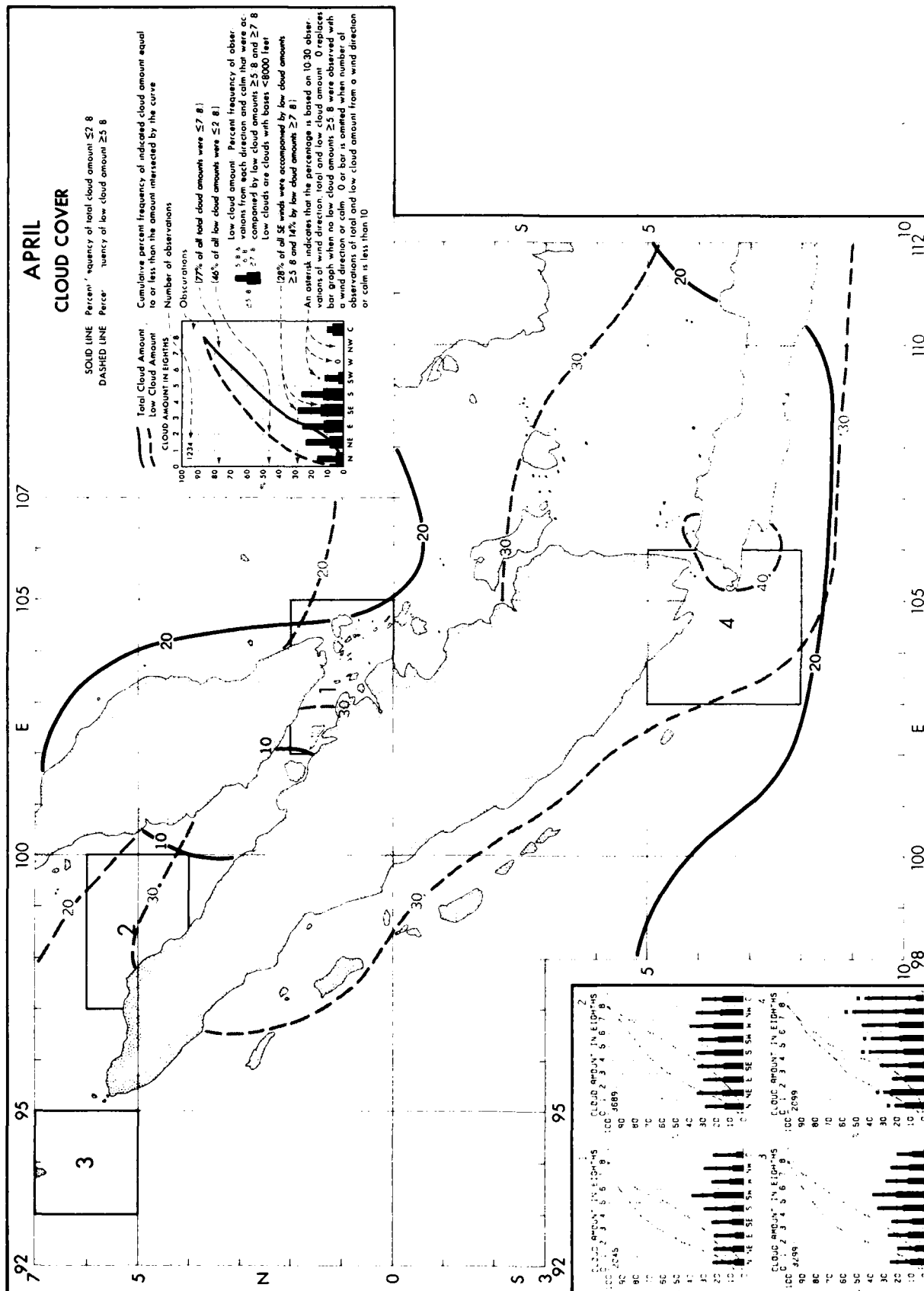
Feet	0.2	3.0	1.9	10.12	13.19	20.25	26.32	32.33
Meters	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.75	8.95
	0	1	2	3	4	6	8	10

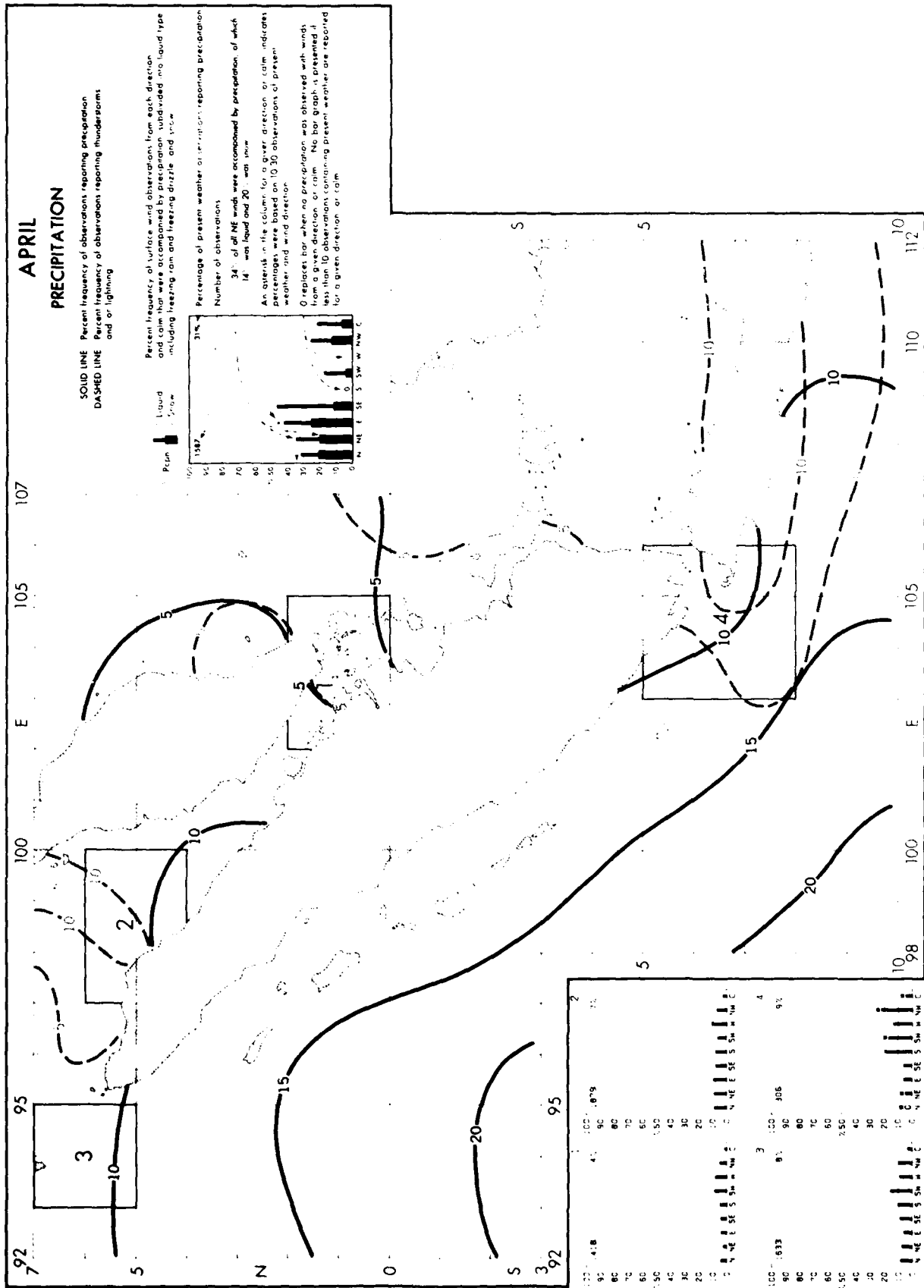
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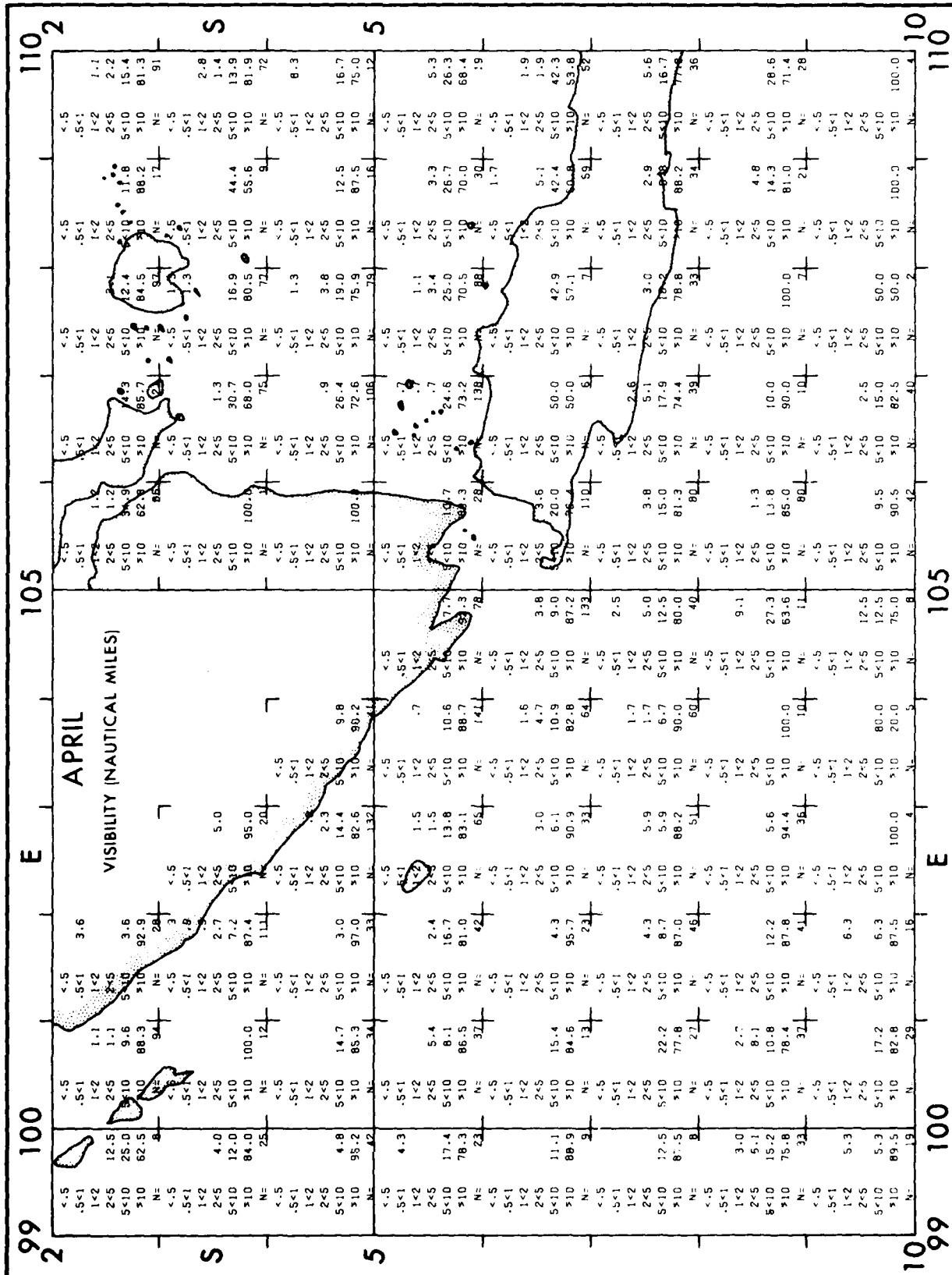










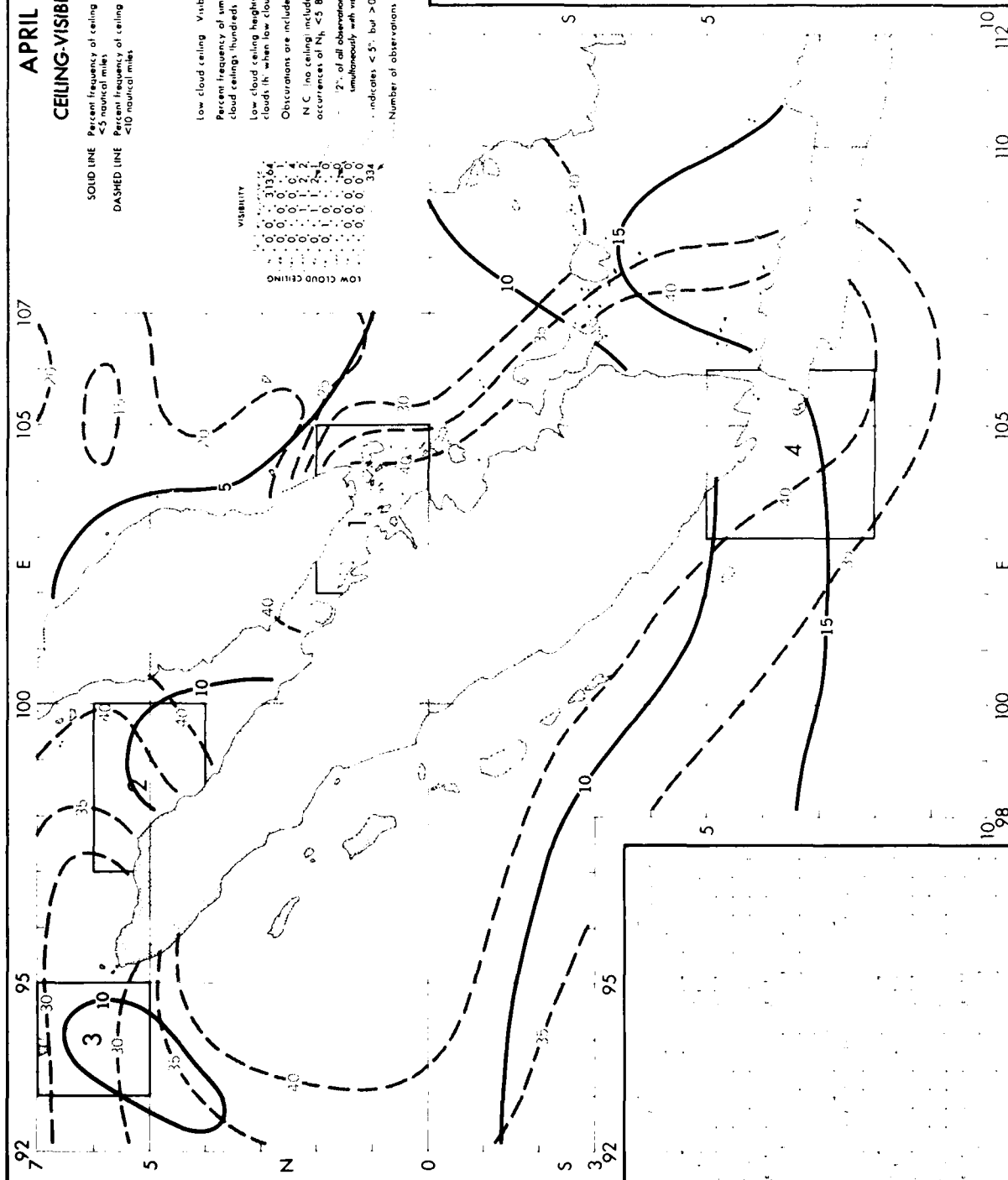


## CEILING-VISIBILITY

**SOLID LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and/or visibility <5 nautical miles

**DASHED LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and/or visibility <10 nautical miles

low cloud ceiling Visibility  
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low-  
cloud ceilings, hundreds of feet and visibilities; nautical miles.  
Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low  
cloud ceiling, ft., when low cloud amount  $N_h \geq 8$   
Observations are included under ceiling  $0 < 15$   
occurrence of  $N_h$  includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as  
occurrence of  $N_h < 8$   
2% of all observations reported ceiling  $\geq 1000$  but  $< 2000$  feet  
simultaneously with visibility  $\geq 5$  but  $< 10$  nautical miles.  
indicates  $< 5^{\circ}$ , but  $> 0$



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**WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS**

Conditions for Carrier Operations

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of optimum conditions, ICC  $\geq 5000$  ft or no ICC. Vbty  $\geq 5$  N.M. and Wind 11/21 kts.

DASHED LINE Percent frequency of poor conditions. Any one of the following constitutes poor conditions, ICC  $< 3000$  ft, Vbty  $\leq 1$  N.M., Wind  $\leq 6$  or  $\geq 24$  kts.

Satisfactory conditions between poor and optimum

Percent frequency of occurrence of specified wind speed in knots visibility (Vbty) in nautical miles and low cloud ceiling (LCC) in hundreds of feet

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (ft) when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is  $\geq 5$

12% of the observations reported wind speeds of 11-21 knots, a low cloud ceiling  $< 1000$  feet and or visibility  $< 2$  nautical miles.

N.C. (no ceiling) includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub>  $\leq 8$

indicates  $< 5\%$ , but  $> 0$

Number of observations

WIND SPEED (knots)

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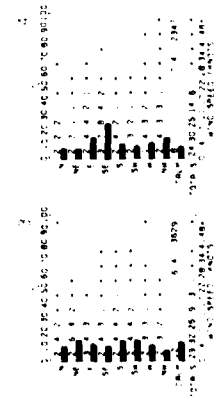
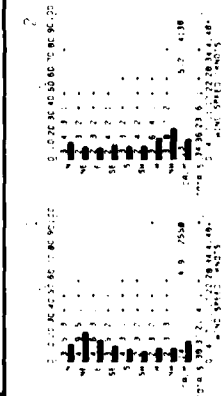
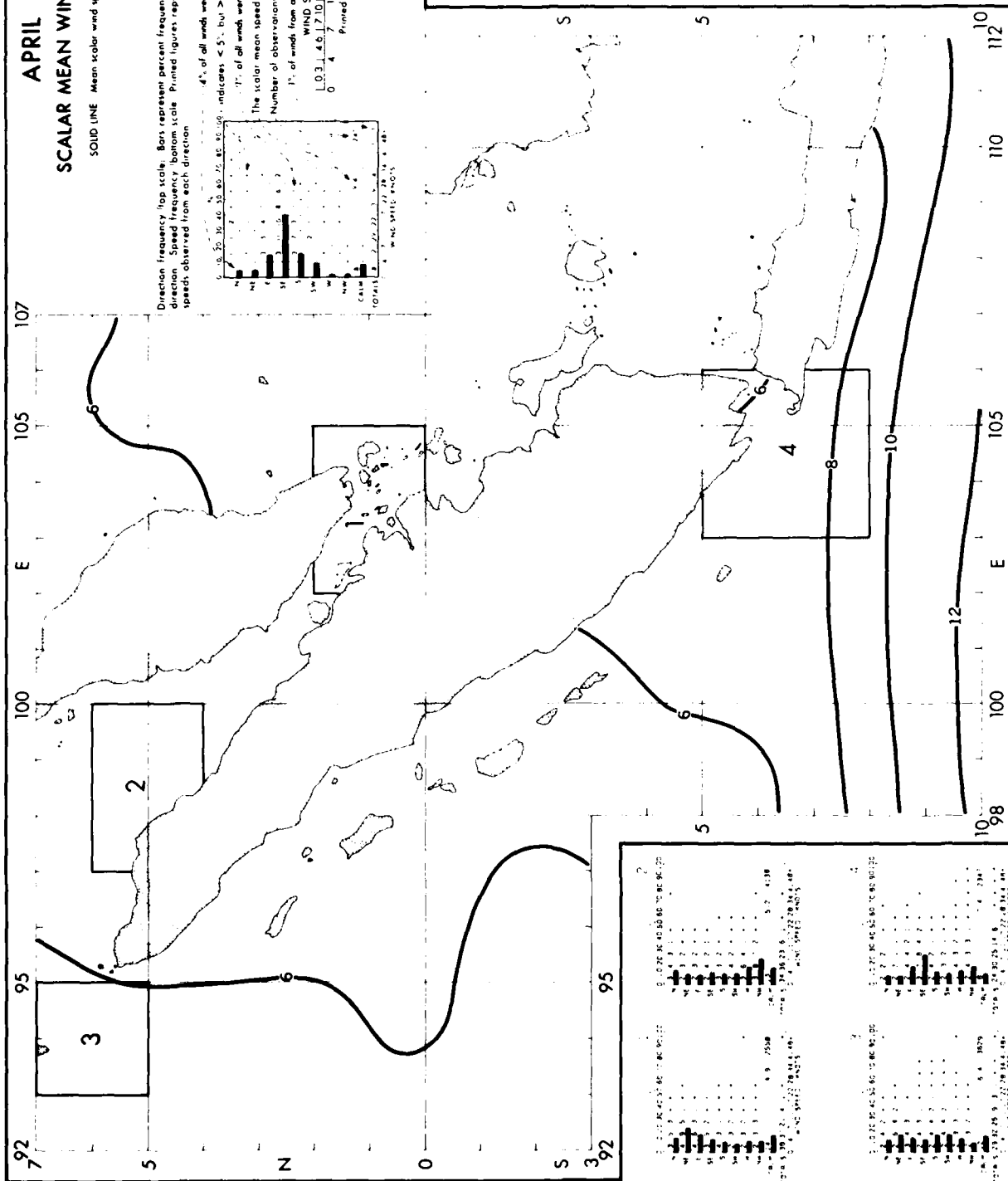
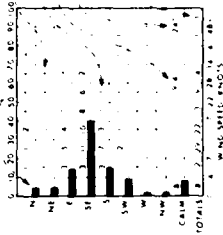
# APRIL SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale): Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale): Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

4% of all winds were from the N  
1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots  
The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots  
Number of observations: 1% of winds from all directions had wind speed  $\geq 48$  knots

WIND SPEED INTERVAL KNOTS  
0-3 4-6 7-10 11-16 17-22 23-28 29-34 35-41 42-48  
Printed scale on bottom of chart

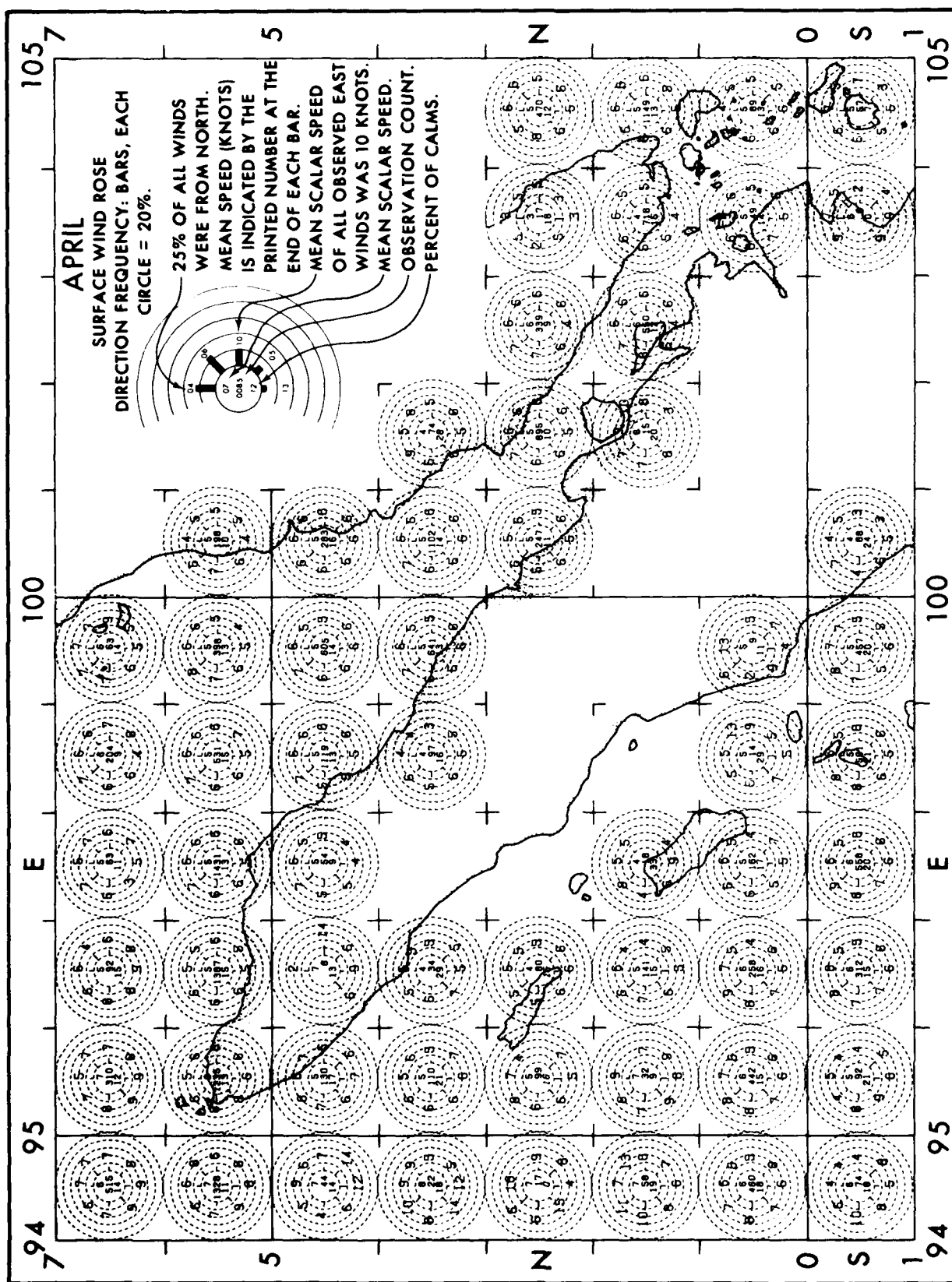


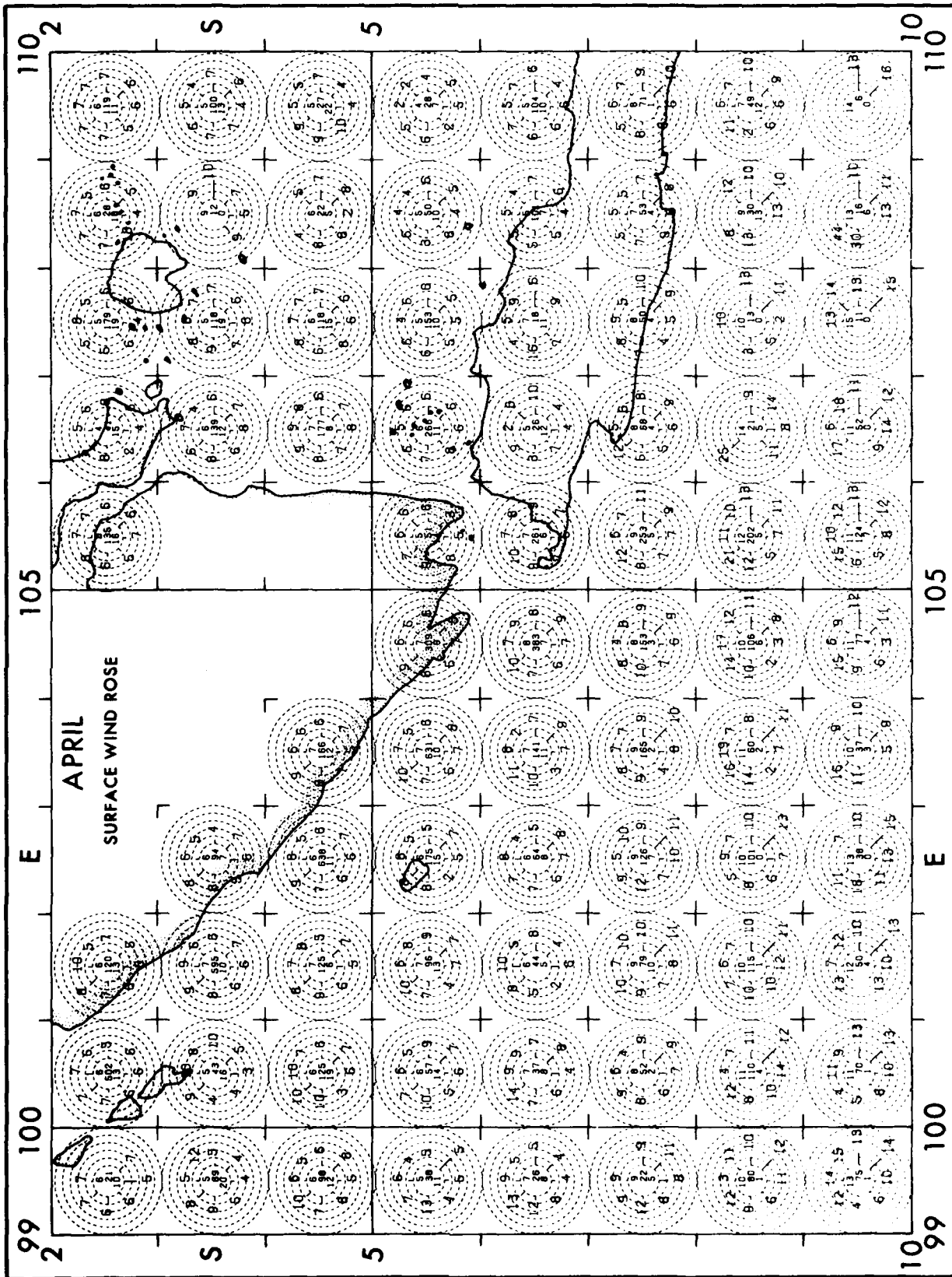
# APRIL WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wind speed (kts)  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wind speed (1/2) knots

Wind speed and air temperature  
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified  
temperature (°C) and wind speed (kts)  
--- 1% of all observations reported temperature 23°C simultaneously  
with wind speed of 22.33 kts  
--- Indicate, - 5%, but > 0  
--- N.M., of observations

WIND SPEED (kts)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490	491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	518	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536	537	538	539	540	541	542	543	544	545	546	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568	569	570	571	572	573	574	575	576	577	578	579	580	581	582	583	584	585	586	587	588	589	590	591	592	593	594	595	596	597	598	599	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610	611	612	613	614	615	616	617	618	619	620	621	622	623	624	625	626	627	628	629	630	631	632	633	634	635	636	637	638	639	640	641	642	643	644	645	646	647	648	649	650	651	652	653	654	655	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663	664	665	666	667	668	669	670	671	672	673	674	675	676	677	678	679	680	681	682	683	684	685	686	687	688	689	690	691	692	693	694	695	696	697	698	699	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	720	721	722	723	724	725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732	733	734	735	736	737	738	739	740	741	742	743	744	745	746	747	748	749	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761	762	763	764	765	766	767	768	769	770	771	772	773	774	775	776	777	778	779	780	781	782	783	784	785	786	787	788	789	790	791	792	793	794	795	796	797	798	799	800	801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810	811	812	813	814	815	816	817	818	819	820	821	822	823	824	825	826	827	828	829	830	831	832	833	834	835	836	837	838	839	840	841	842	843	844	845	846	847	848	849	850	851	852	853	854	855	856	857	858	859	860	861	862	863	864	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	874	875	876	877	878	879	880	881	882	883	884	885	886	887	888	889	890	891	892	893	894	895	896	897	898	899	900	901	902	903	904	905	906	907	908	909	910	911	912	913	914	915	916	917	918	919	920	921	922	923	924	925	926	927	928	929	930	931	932	933	934	935	936	937	938	939	940	941	942	943	944	945	946	947	948	949	950	951	952	953	954	955	956	957	958	959	960	961	962	963	964	965	966	967	968	969	970	971	972	973	974	975	976	977	978	979	980	981	982	983	984	985	986	987	988	989	990	991	992	993	994	995	996	997	998	999	1000	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010	1011	1012	1013	1014	1015	1016	1017	1018	1019	1020	1021	1022	1023	1024	1025	1026	1027	1028	1029	1030	1031	1032	1033	1034	1035	1036	1037	1038	1039	1040	1041	1042	1043	1044	1045	1046	1047	1048	1049	1050	1051	1052	1053	1054	1055	1056	1057	1058	1059	1060	1061	1062	1063	1064	1065	1066	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071	1072	1073	1074	1075	1076	1077	1078	1079	1080	1081	1082	1083	1084	1085	1086	1087	1088	1089	1090	1091	1092	1093	1094	1095	1096	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110	1111	1112	1113	1114	1115	1116	1117	1118	1119	1120	1121	1122	1123	1124	1125	1126	1127	1128	1129	1130	1131	1132	1133	1134	1135	1136	1137	1138	1139	1140	1141	1142	1143	1144	1145	1146	1147	1148	1149	1150	1151	1152	1153	1154	1155	1156	1157	1158	1159	1160	1161	1162	1163	1164	1165	1166	1167	1168	1169	1170	1171	1172	1173	1174	1175	1176	1177	1178	1179	1180	1181	1182	1183	1184	1185	1186	1187	1188	1189	1190	1191	1192	1193	1194	1195	1196	1197	1198	1199	1200	1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210	1211	1212	1213	1214	1215	1216	1217	1218	1219	1220	1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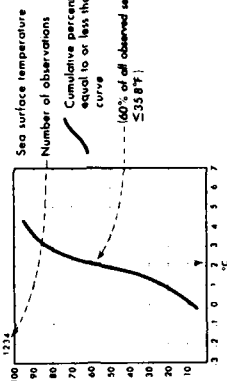


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## AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

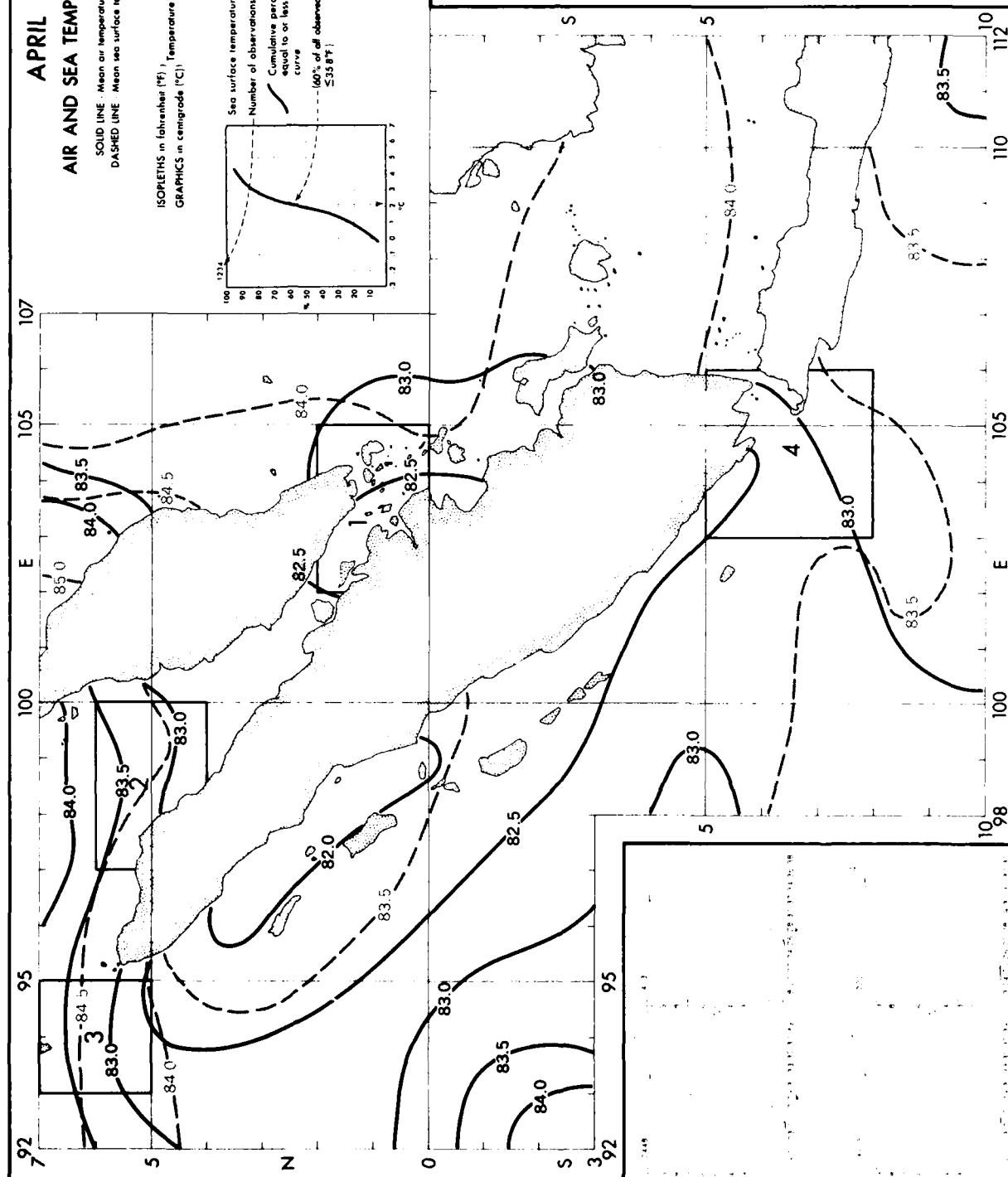
SOLID LINE - Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE - Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

ISOPLETHS in Fahrenheit (°F) Temperature conversion table below  
GRAPHICS in centigrade (°C)



## CONVERSION TABLE

°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
31	87.8
32	89.6
33	91.4
34	93.2
35	95.0
36	96.8
37	98.6
38	100.4
39	102.2



# APRIL WAVES

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet

Wave direction and height

Direction frequency (top scale). Bars represent percent frequency of waves from each direction.  
Height frequency (bottom scale). Printed figures represent percent frequency of wave heights.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

15% of all waves were from the N.

indicates  $< 5\%$  but  $> 0$

1% of all waves were from the S with heights from 6.75 meters.

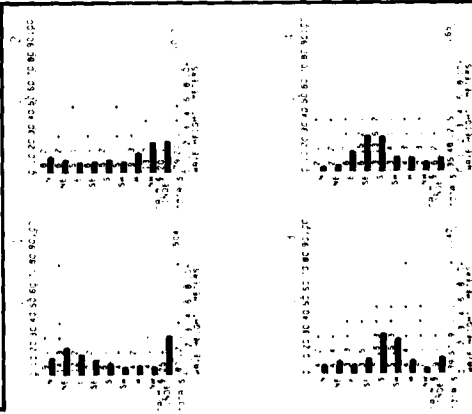
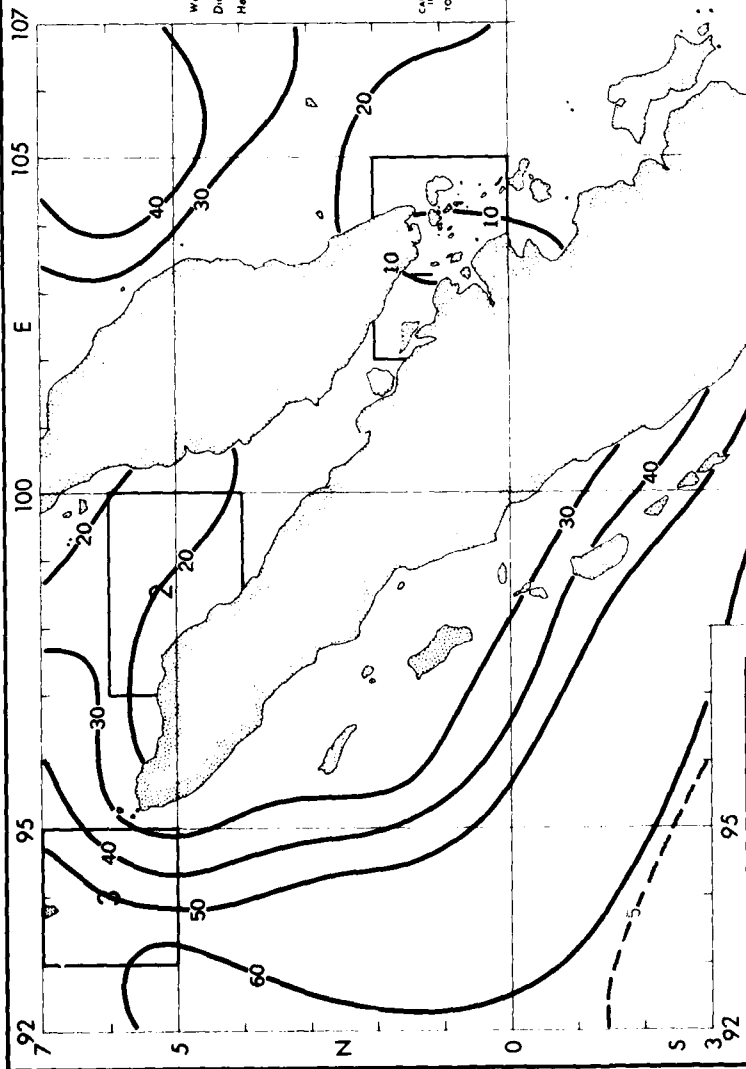
2% of the waves from all directions had heights  $\geq 10$  meters.

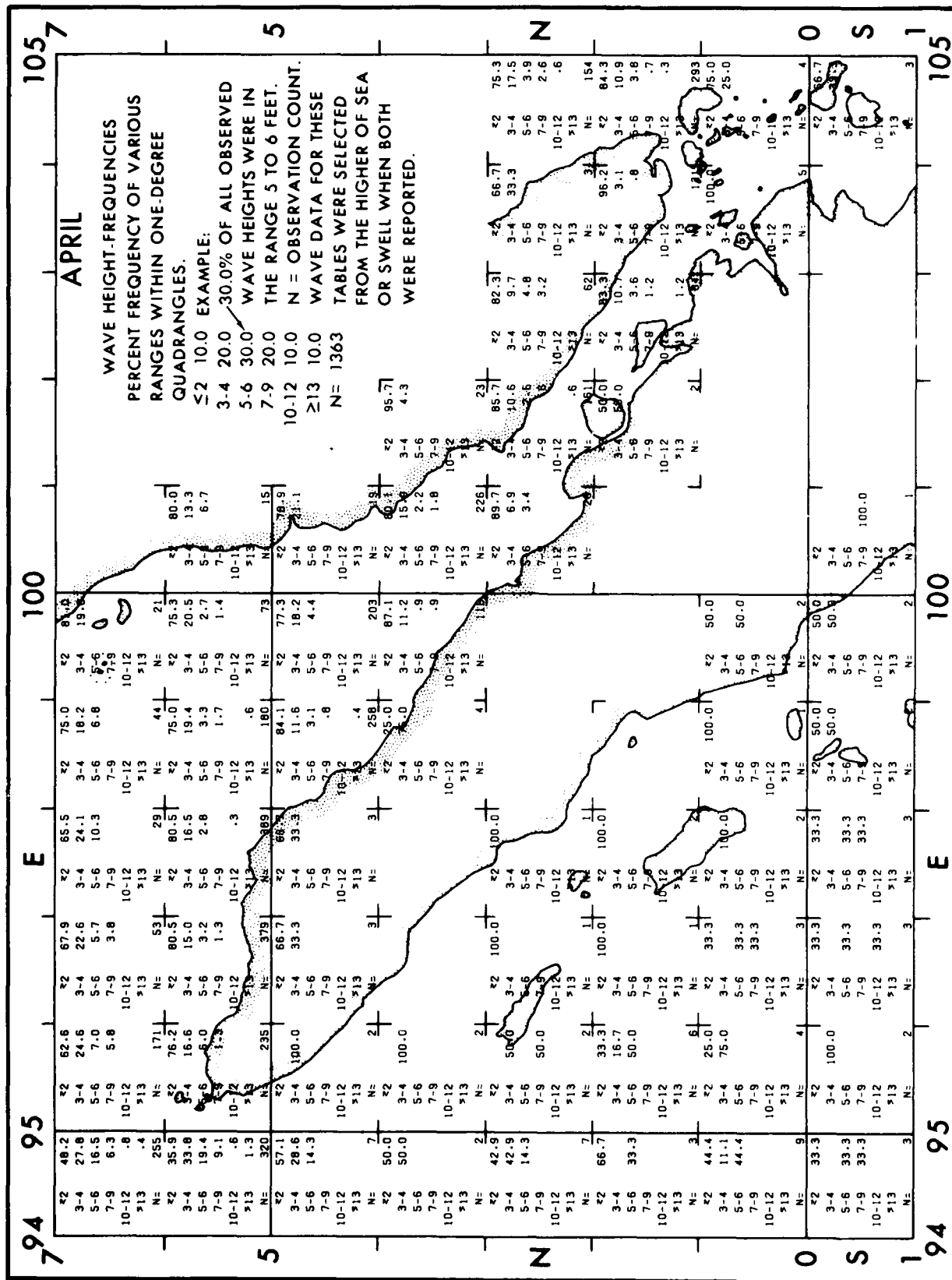
Number of observations

WAVE HEIGHT INTERVAL

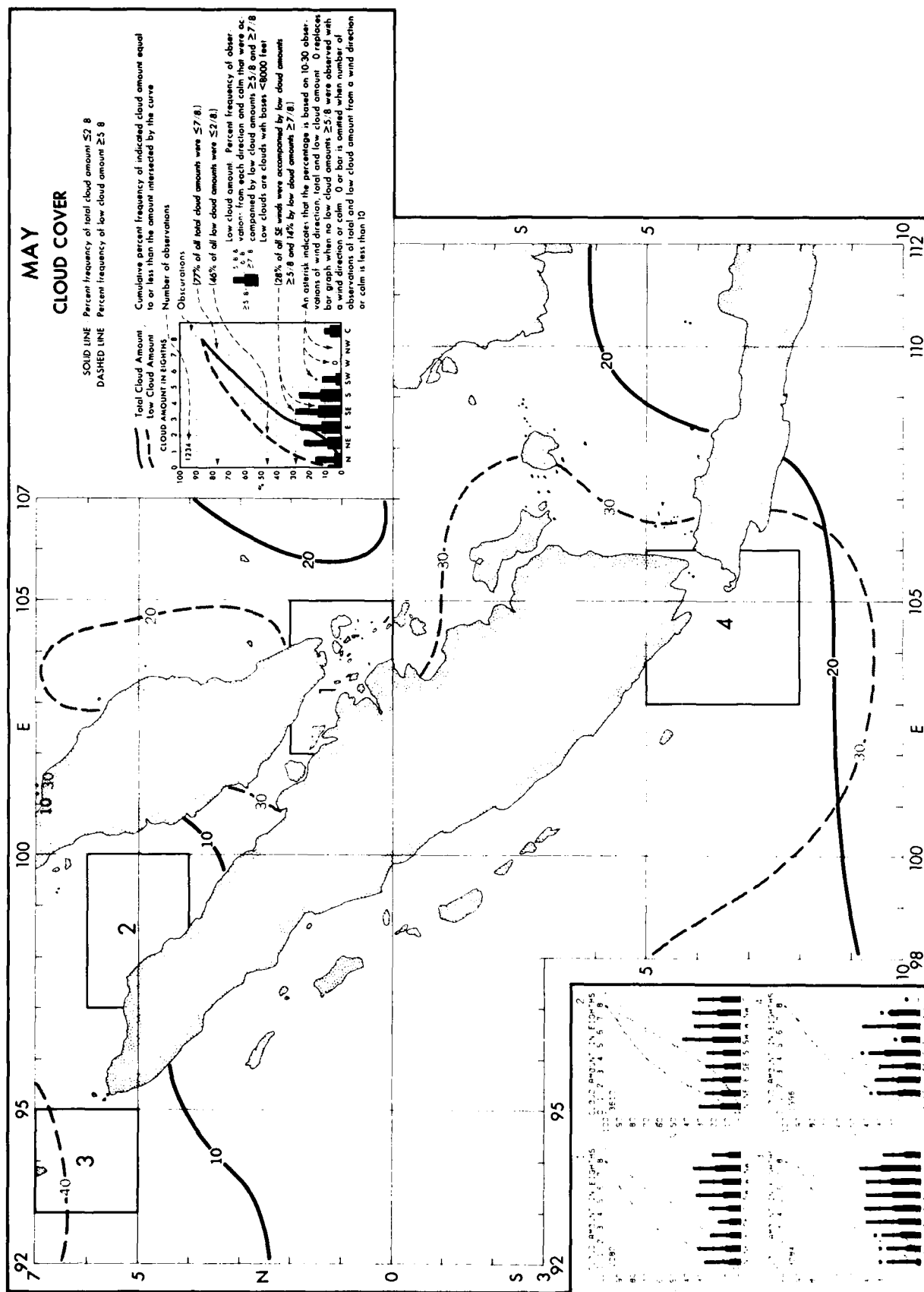
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Meters 0.5 11.5 22.5 33.5 45.5 67.5 89.5 110

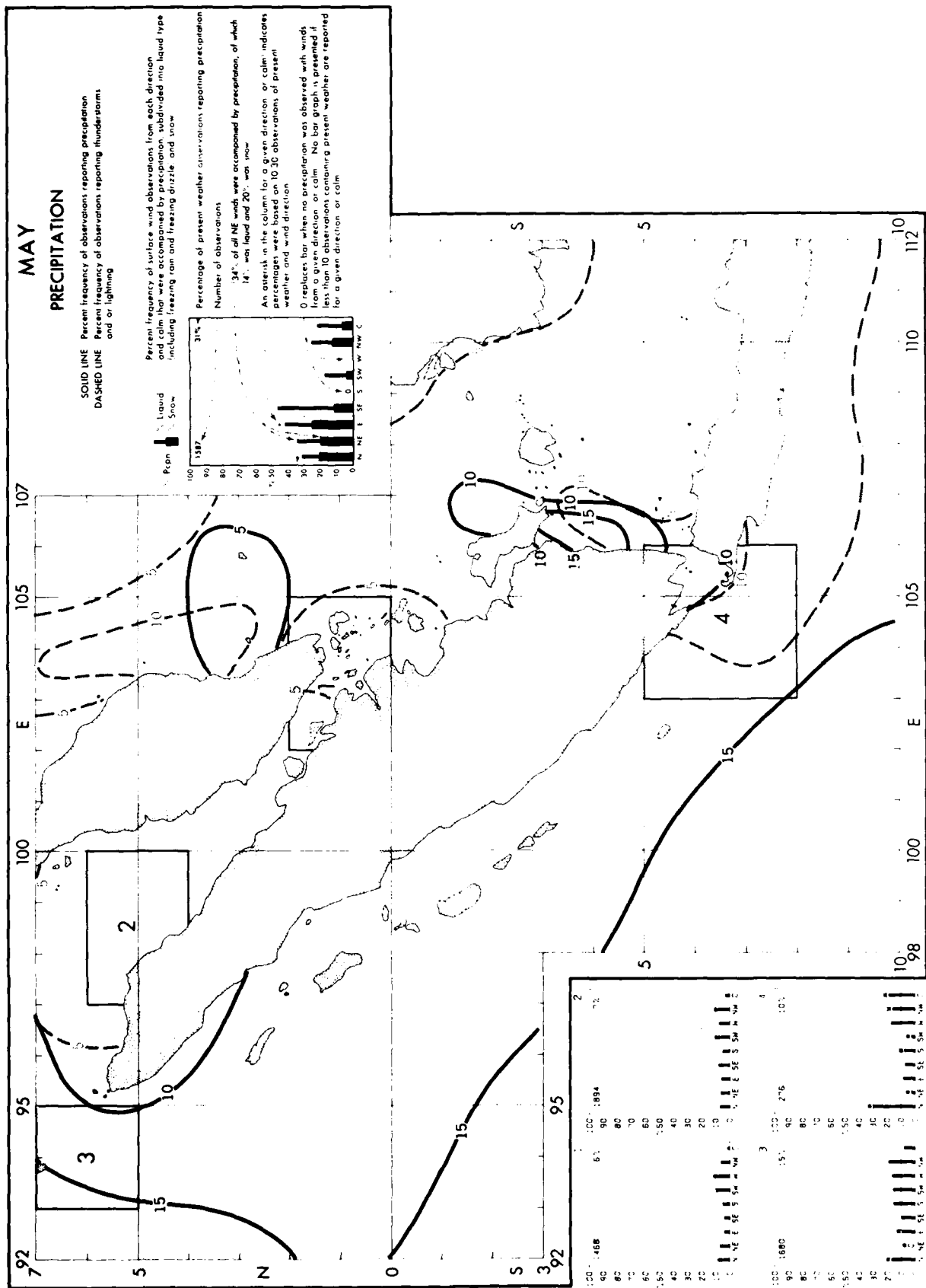
Printed scale on bottom of chart

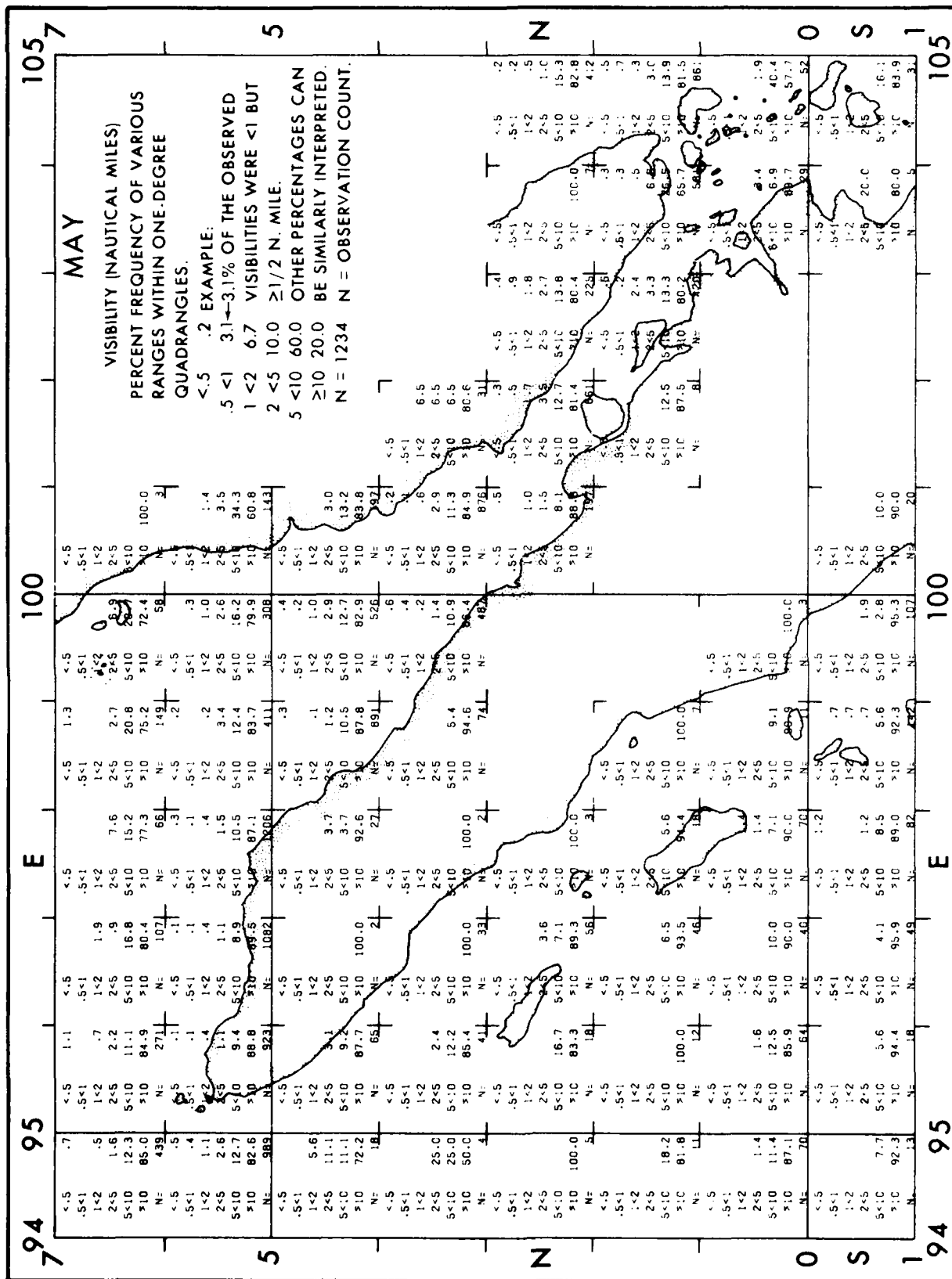


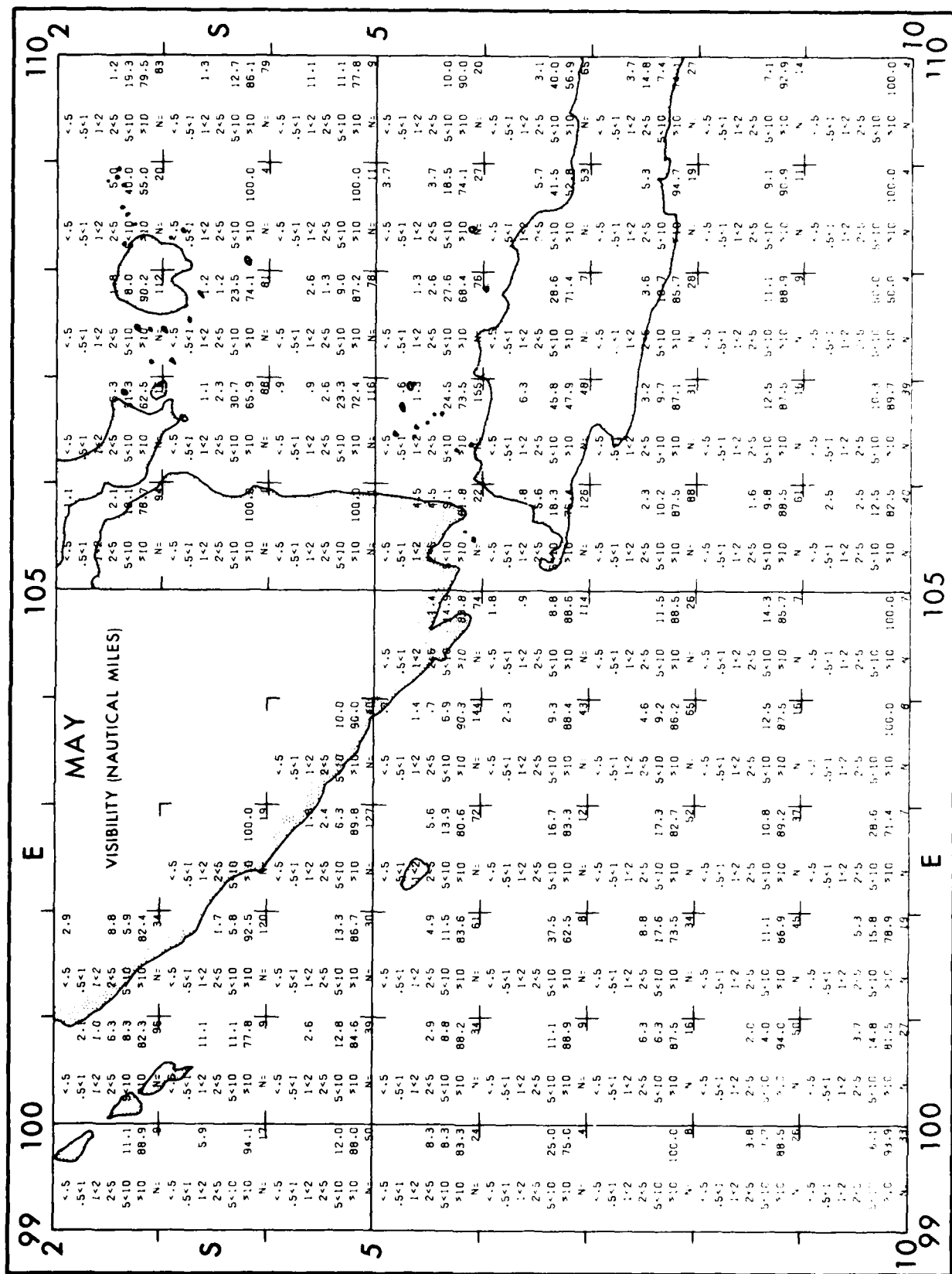














## CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE	Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles
DASHED LINE	Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

low cloud ceiling Visibility

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings, hundreds of feet and visibility, nautical miles

low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low cloud base, when low cloud amount  $N_1 \geq 5.8$

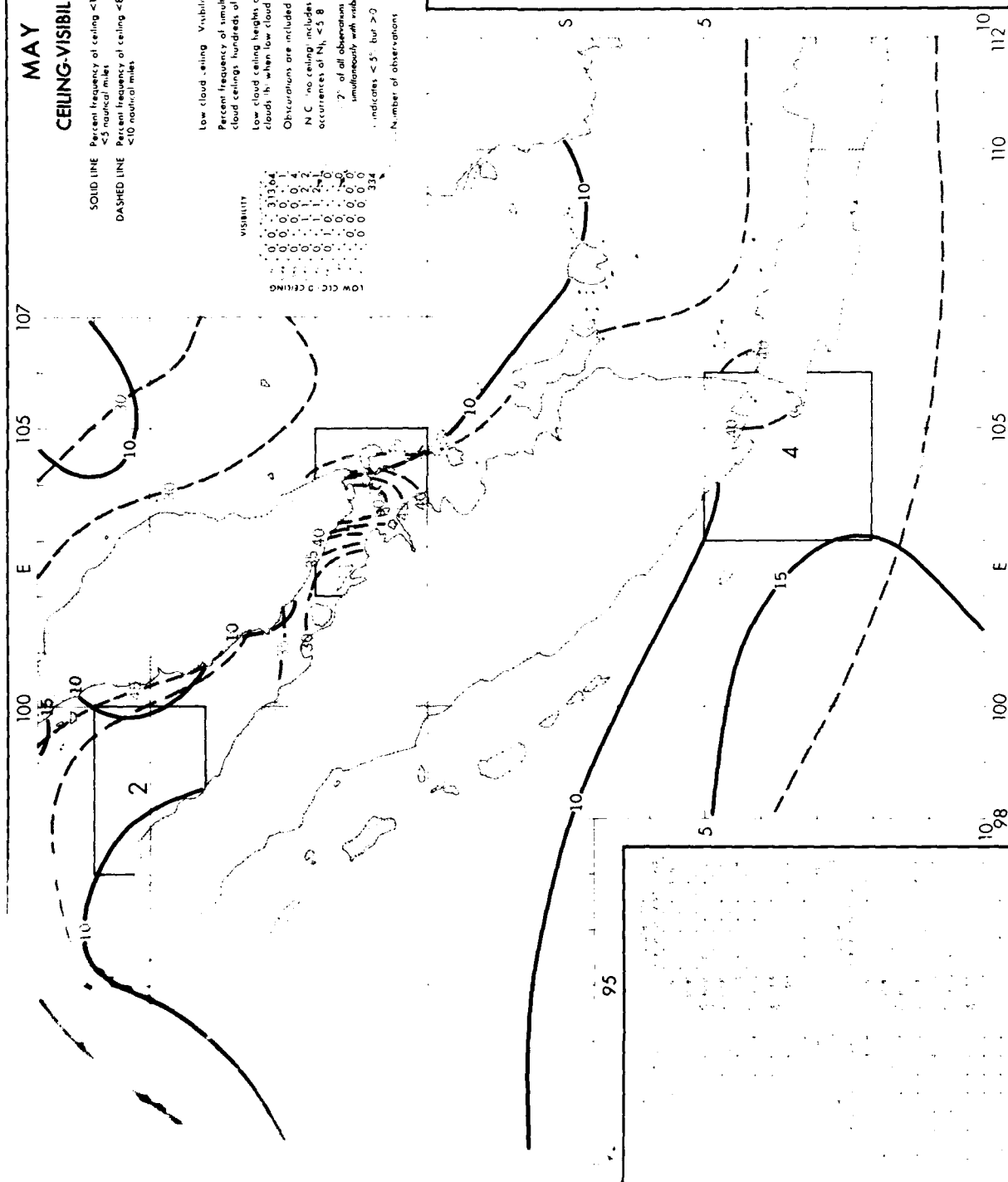
Observations are included under ceiling  $0 < 1.5$

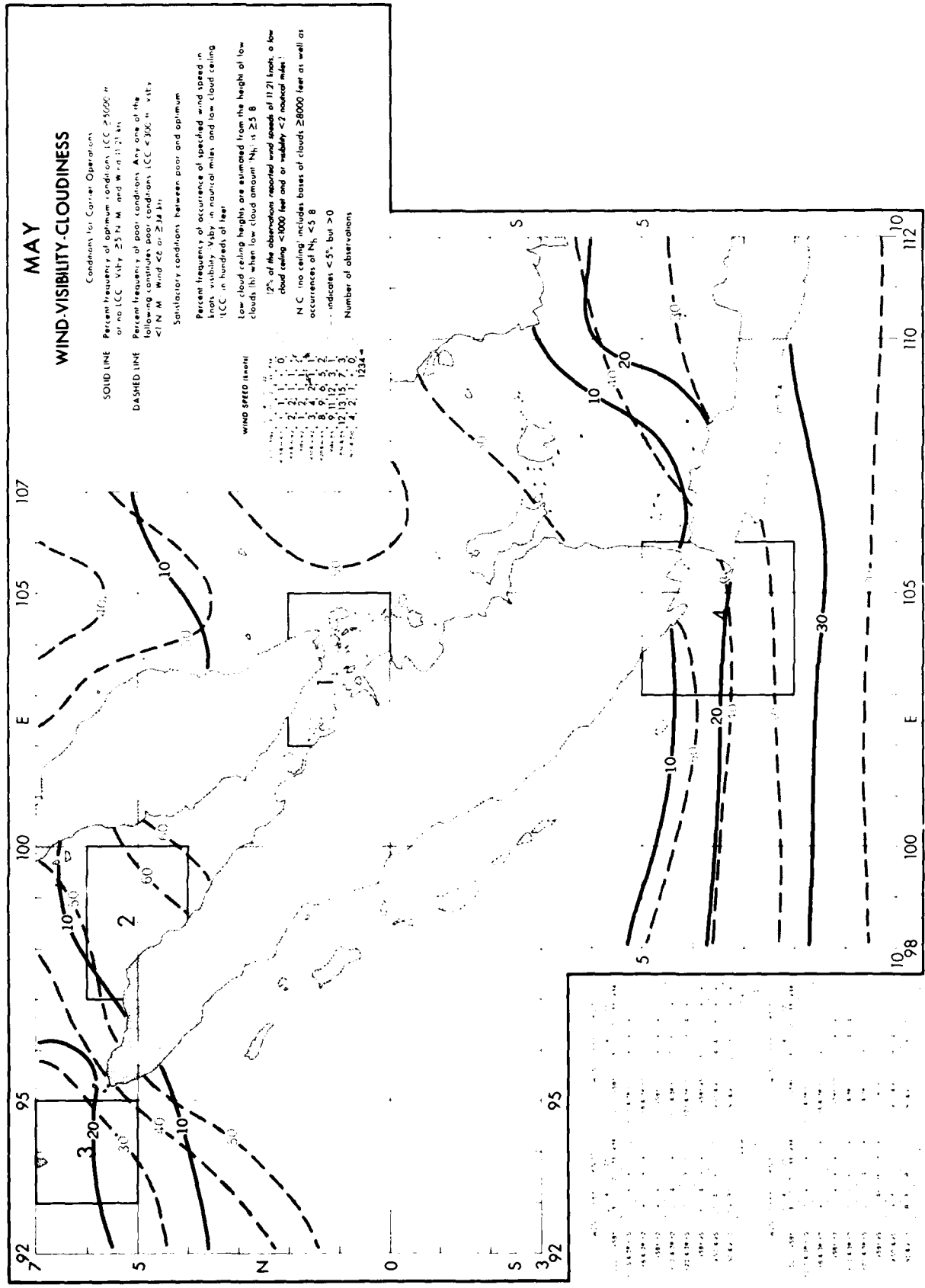
Occurrences of no ceiling include bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of  $N_1 \leq 5.8$

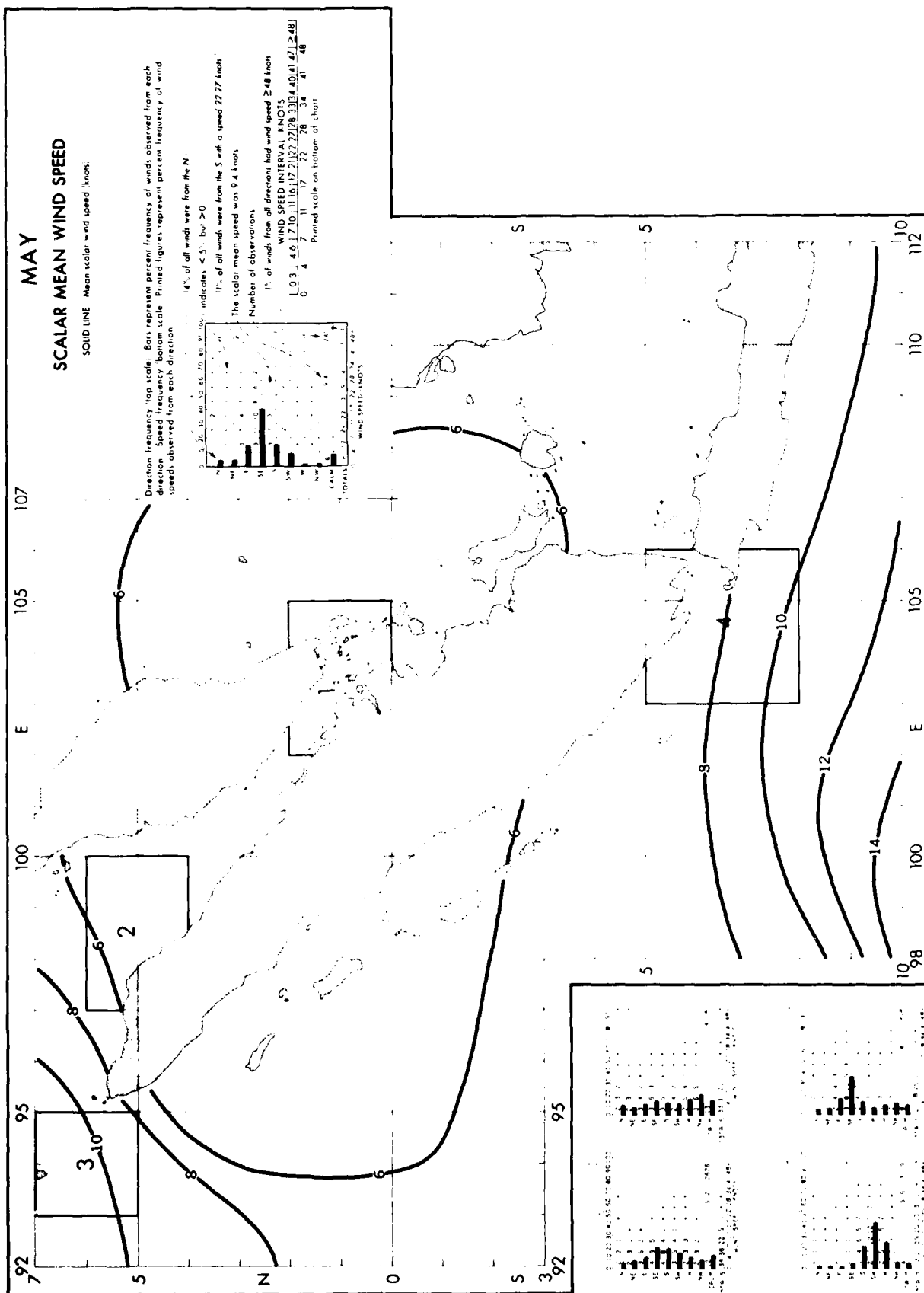
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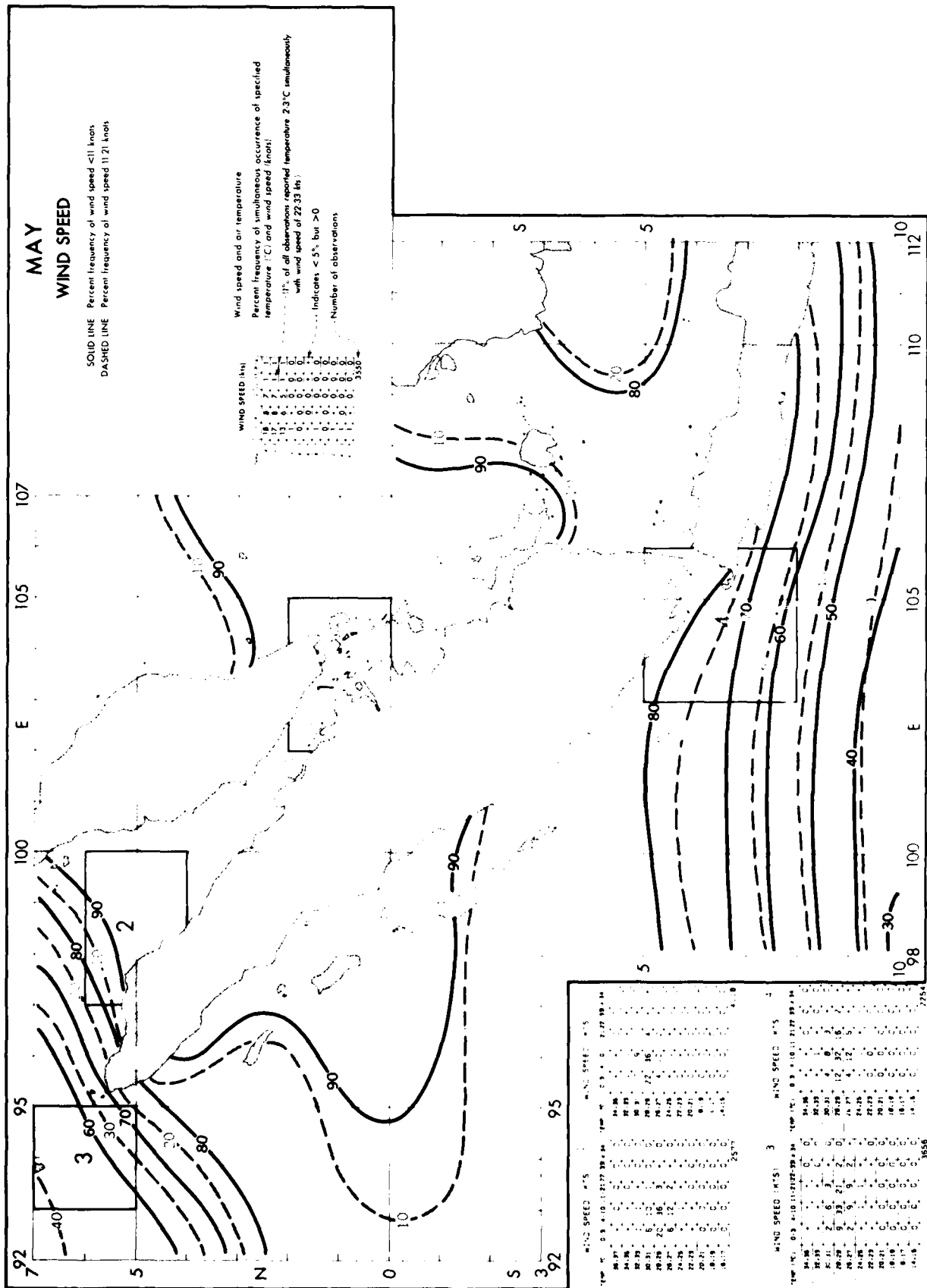
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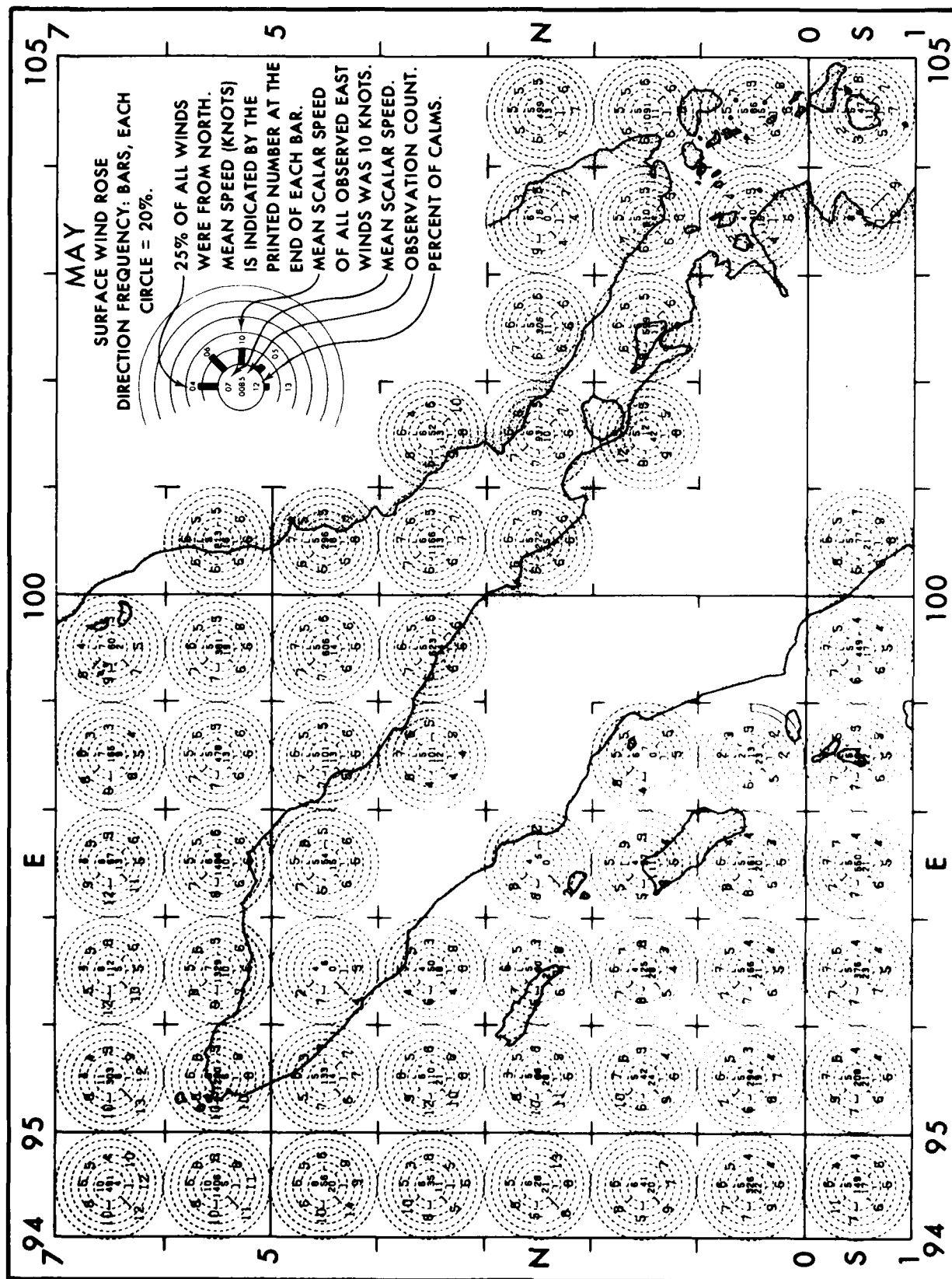
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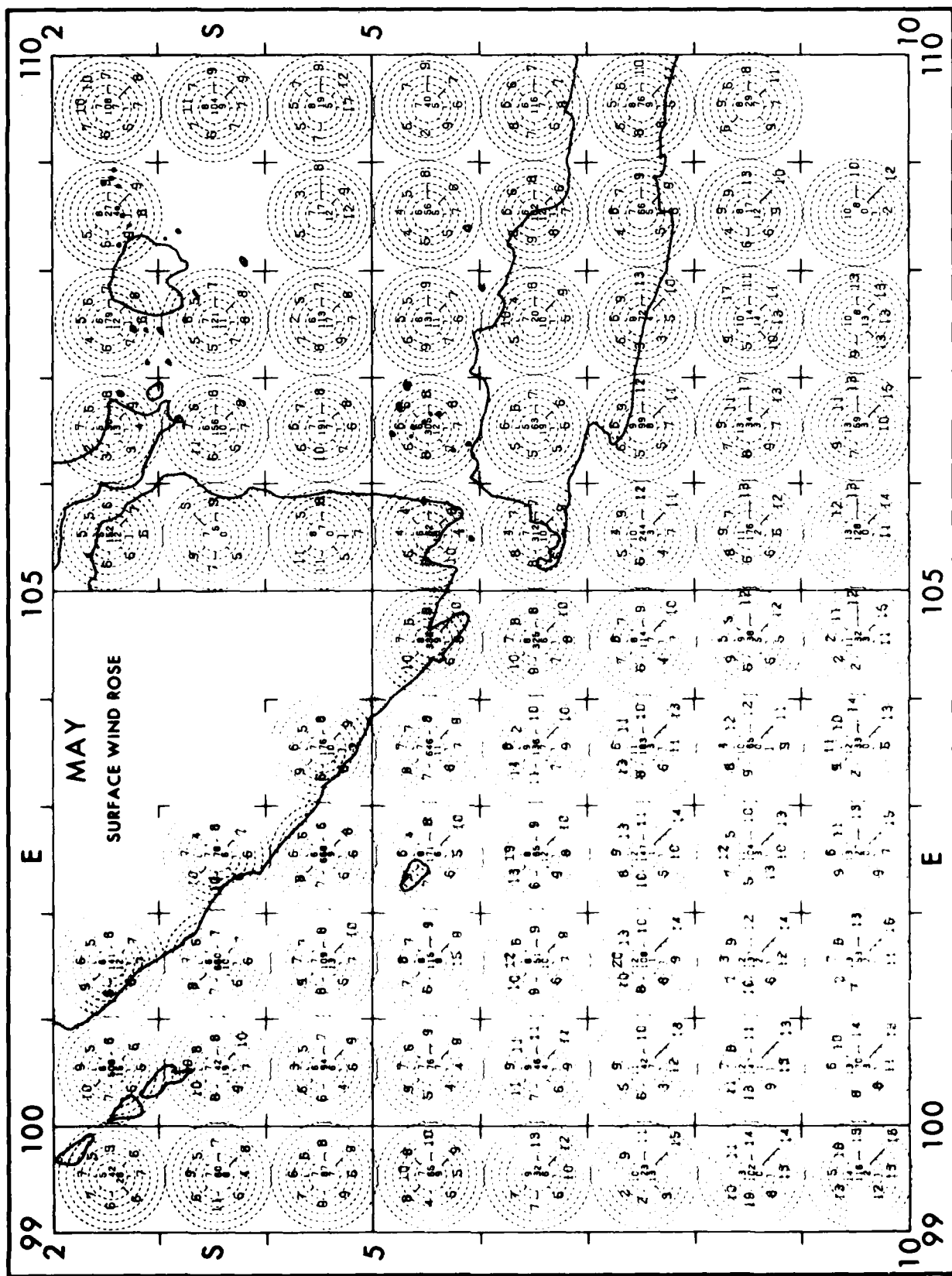


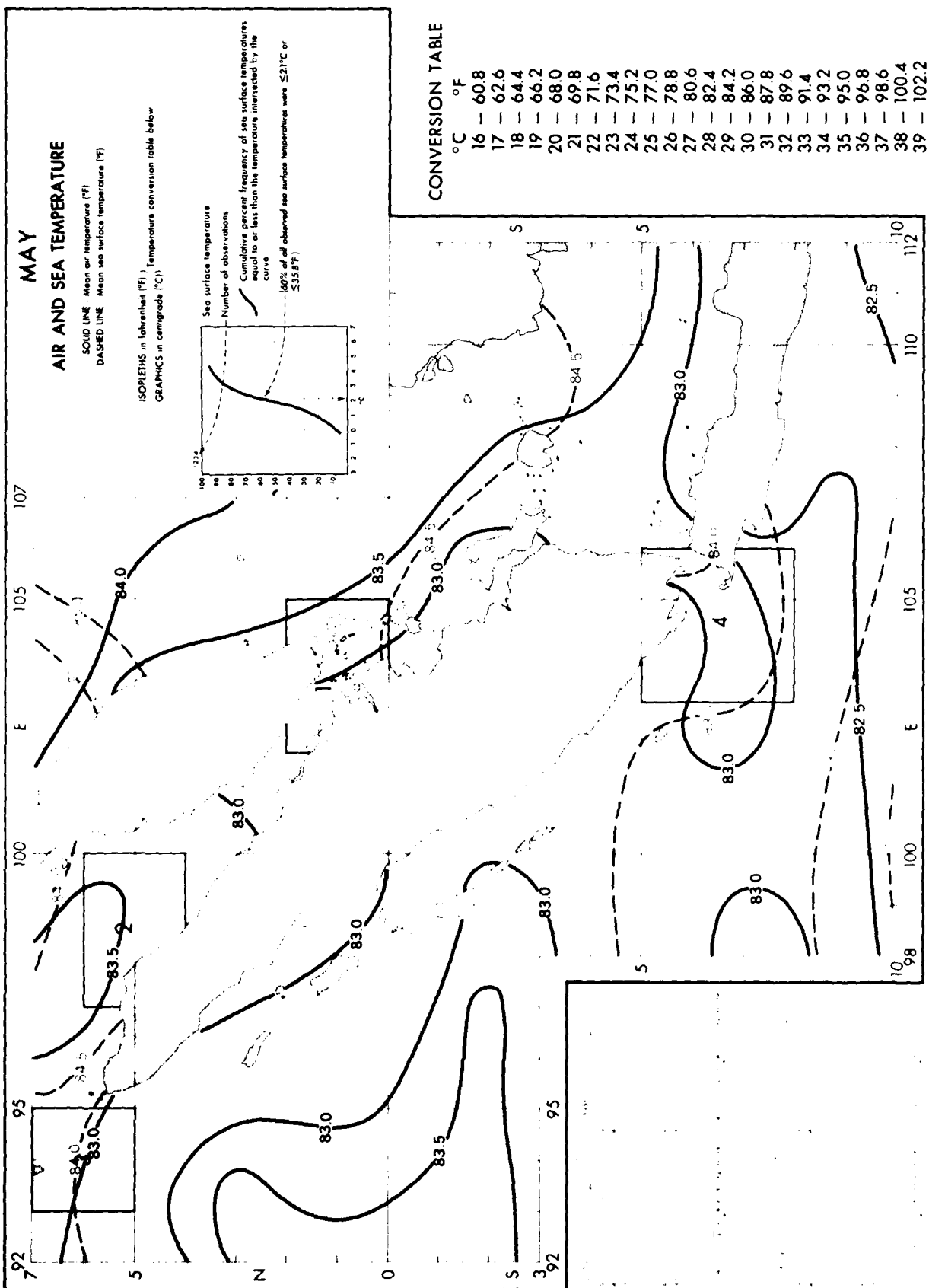




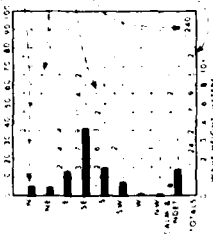




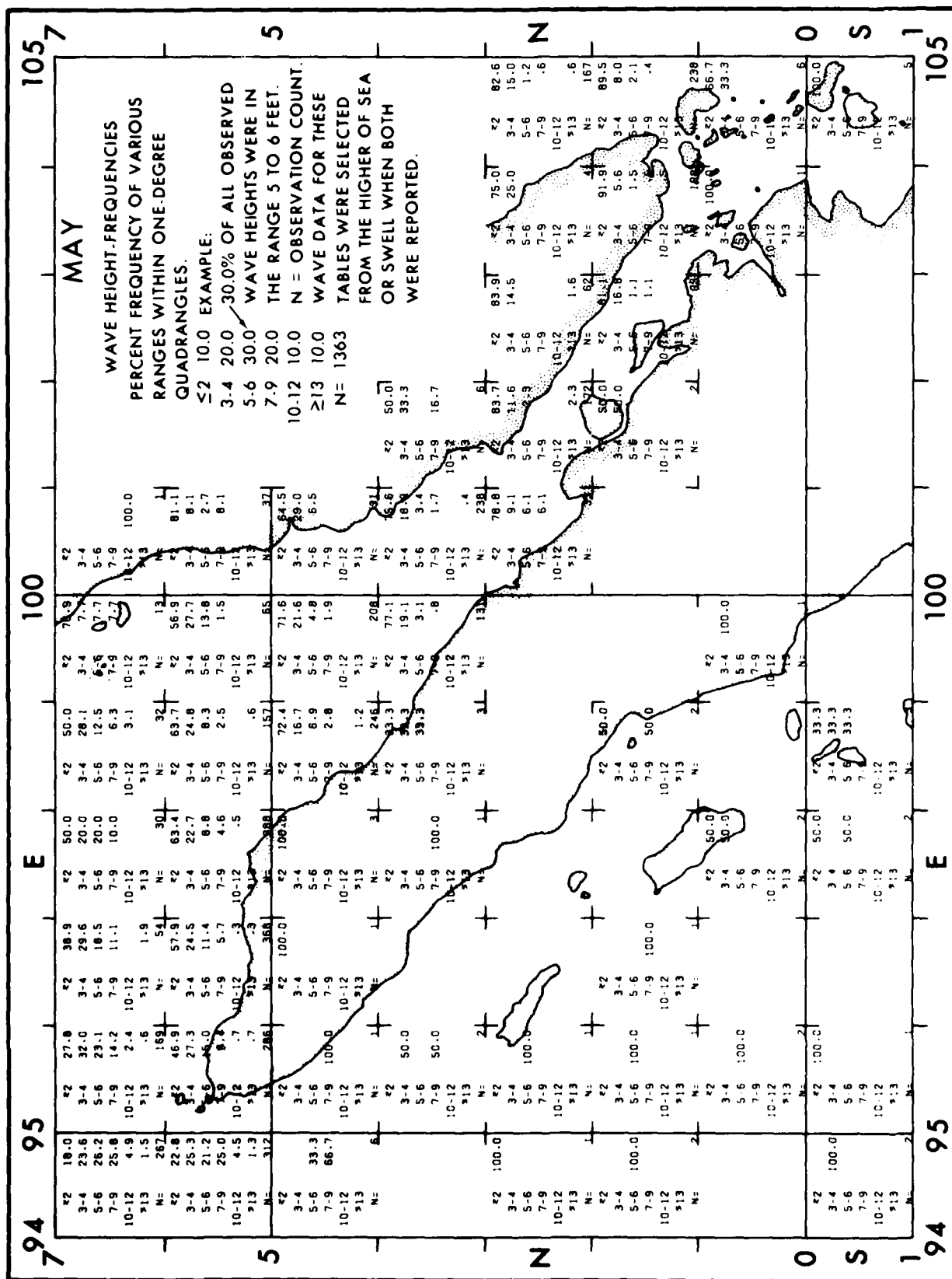


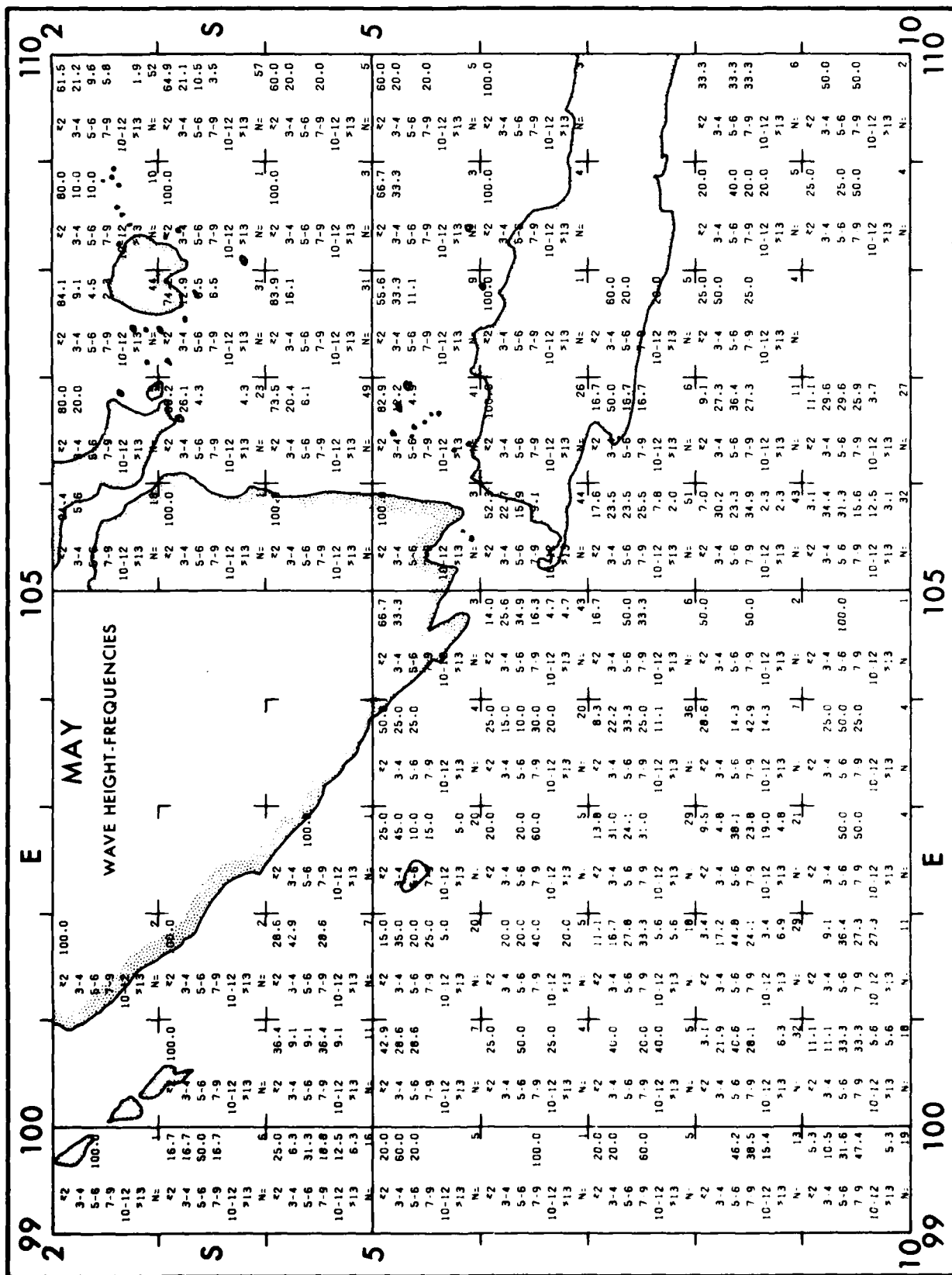


SOLID LINE    Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE    Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet



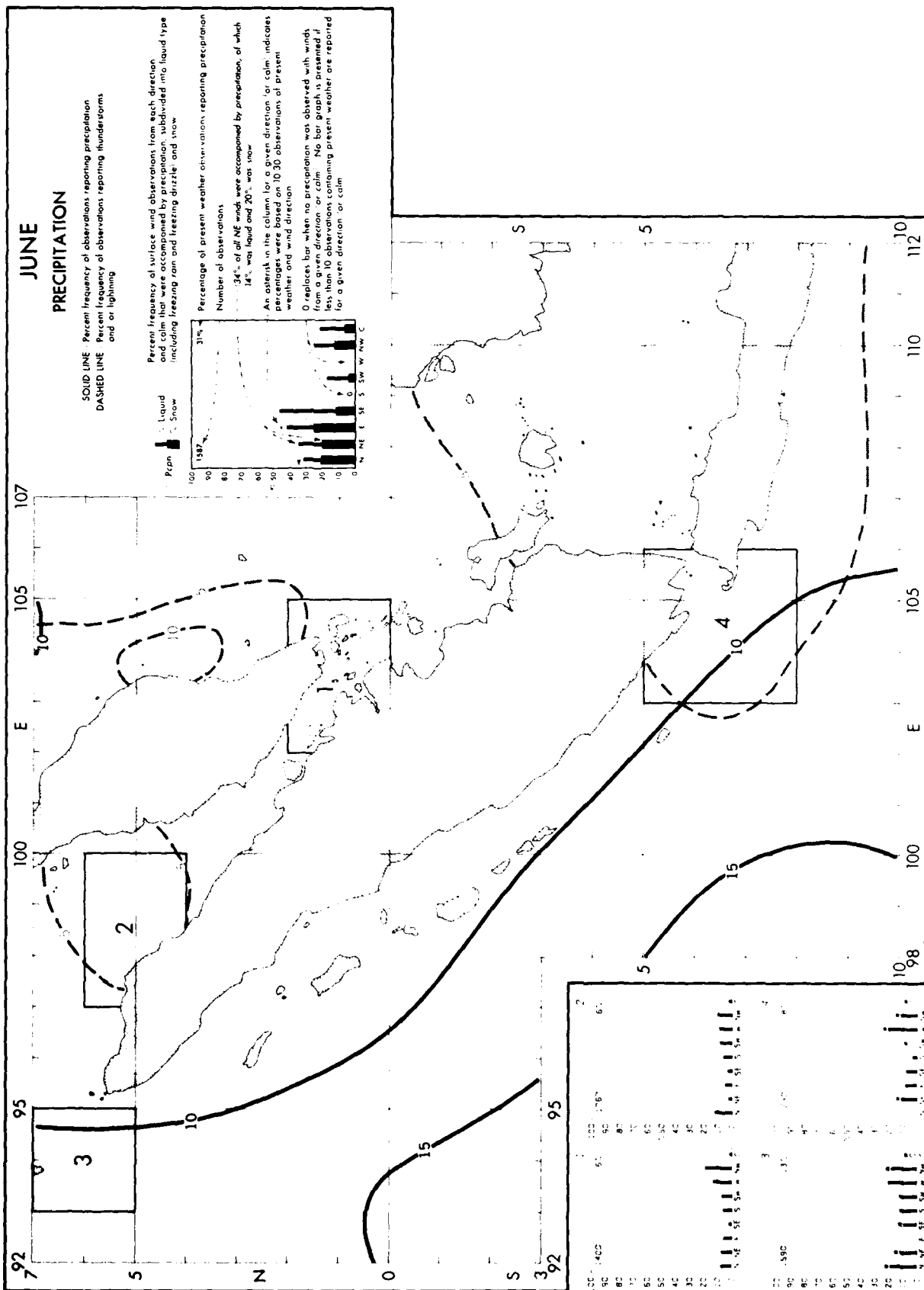


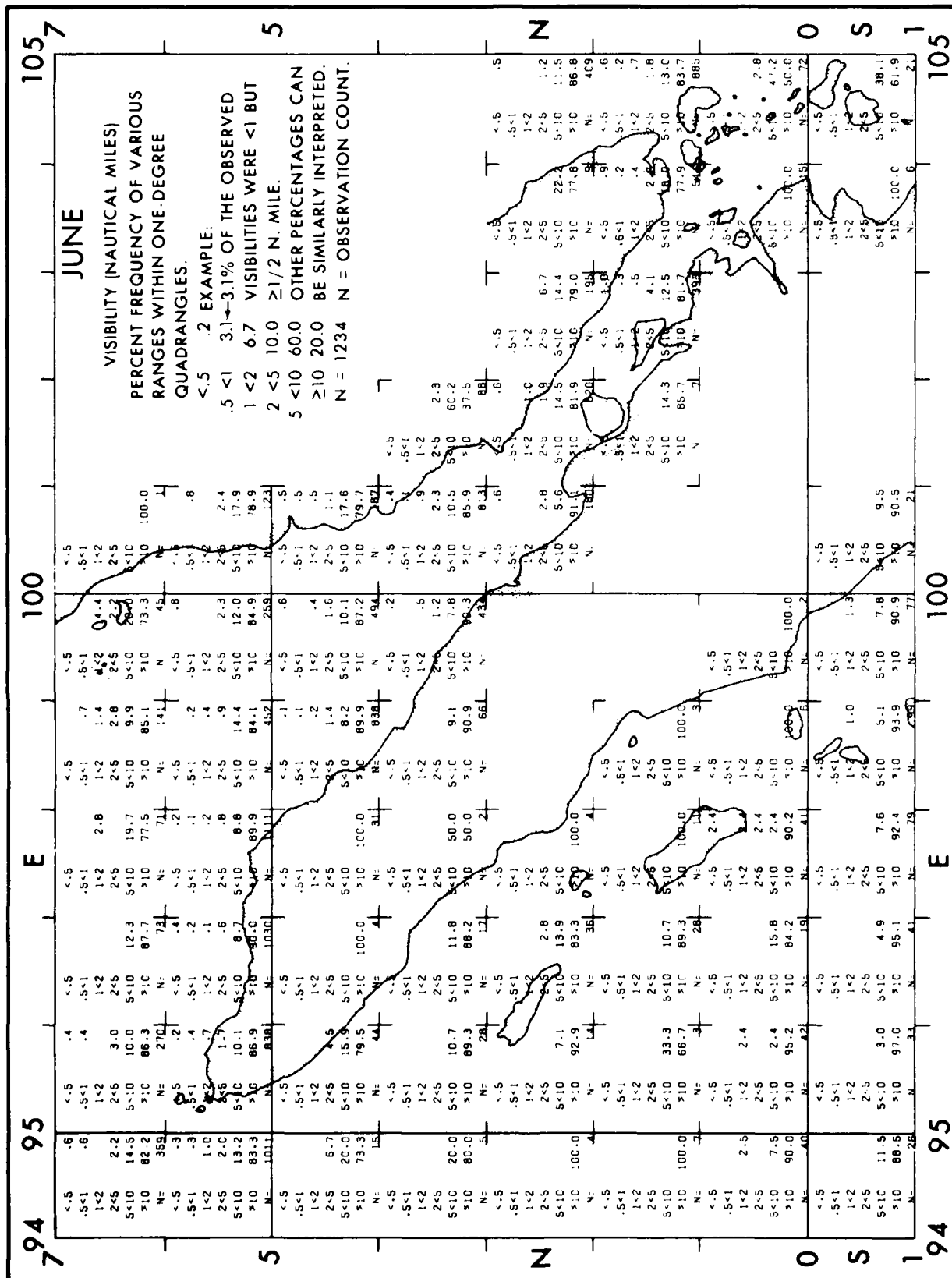


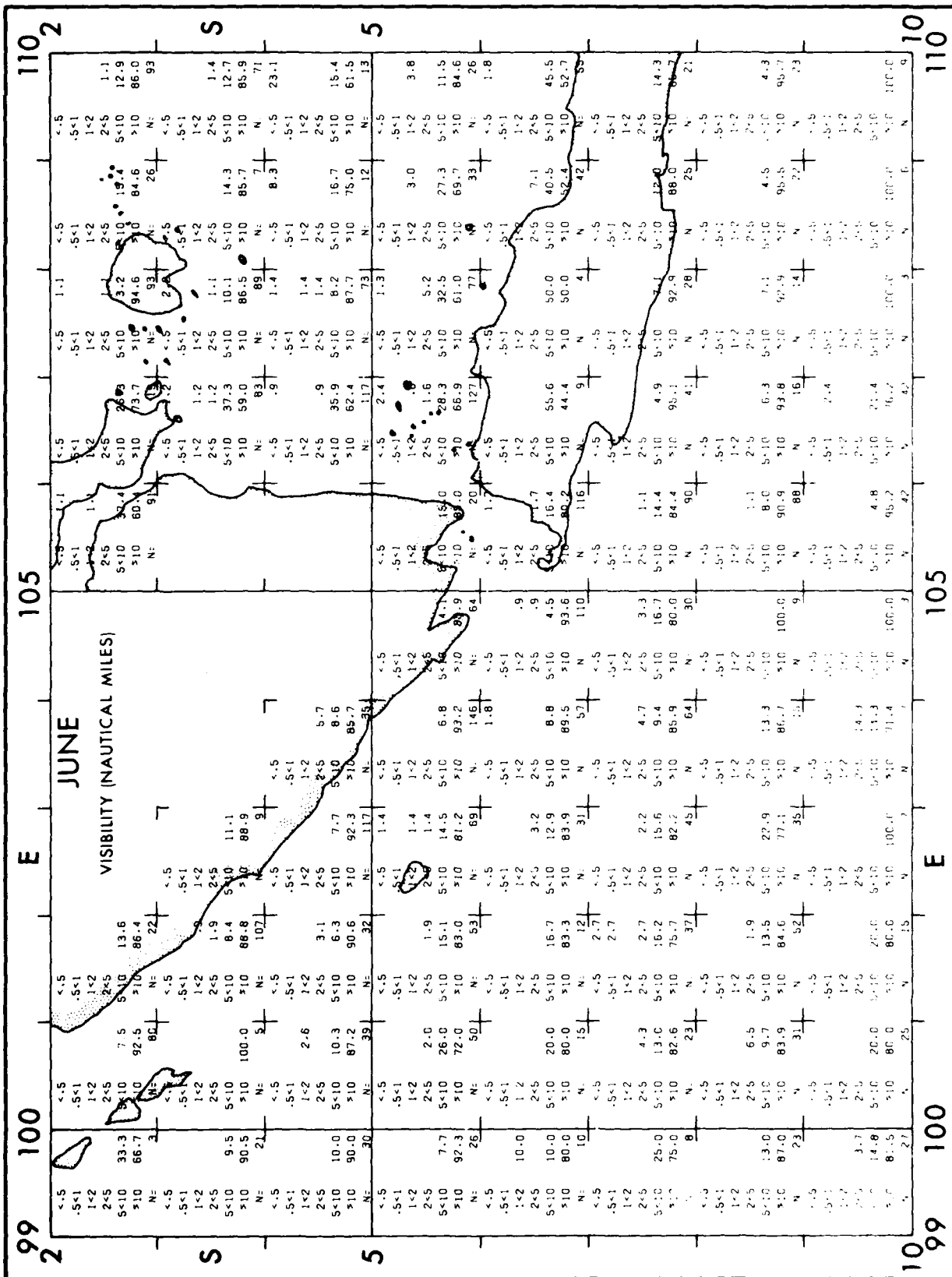


SOLID LINE    Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\leq 2.8$   
DASHED LINE    Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\geq 5.8$









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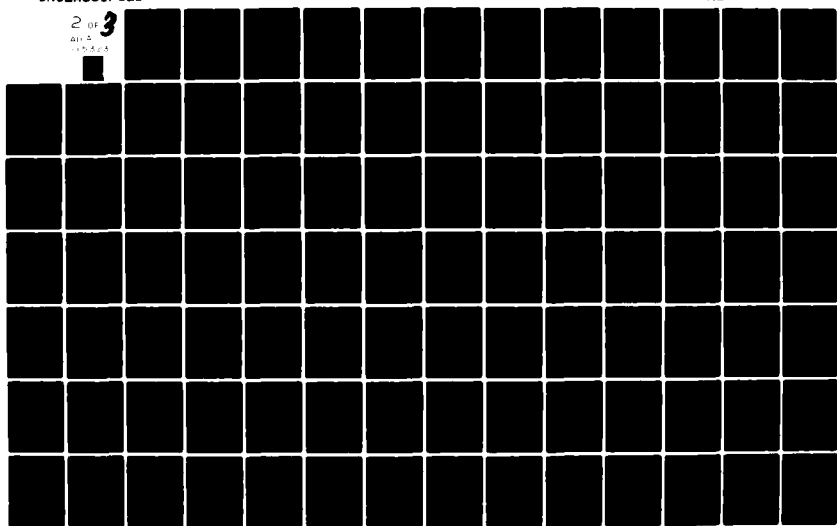
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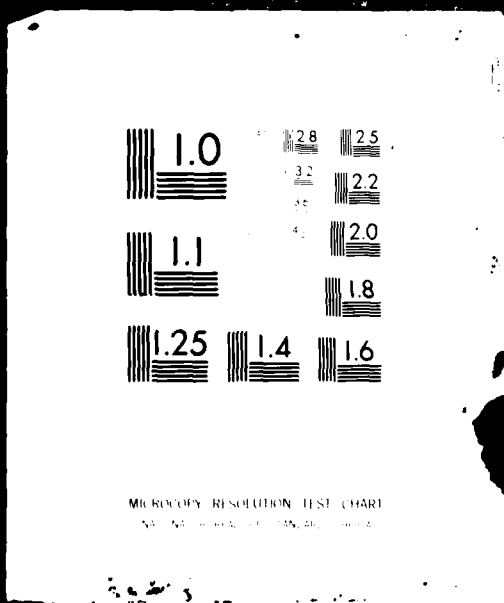
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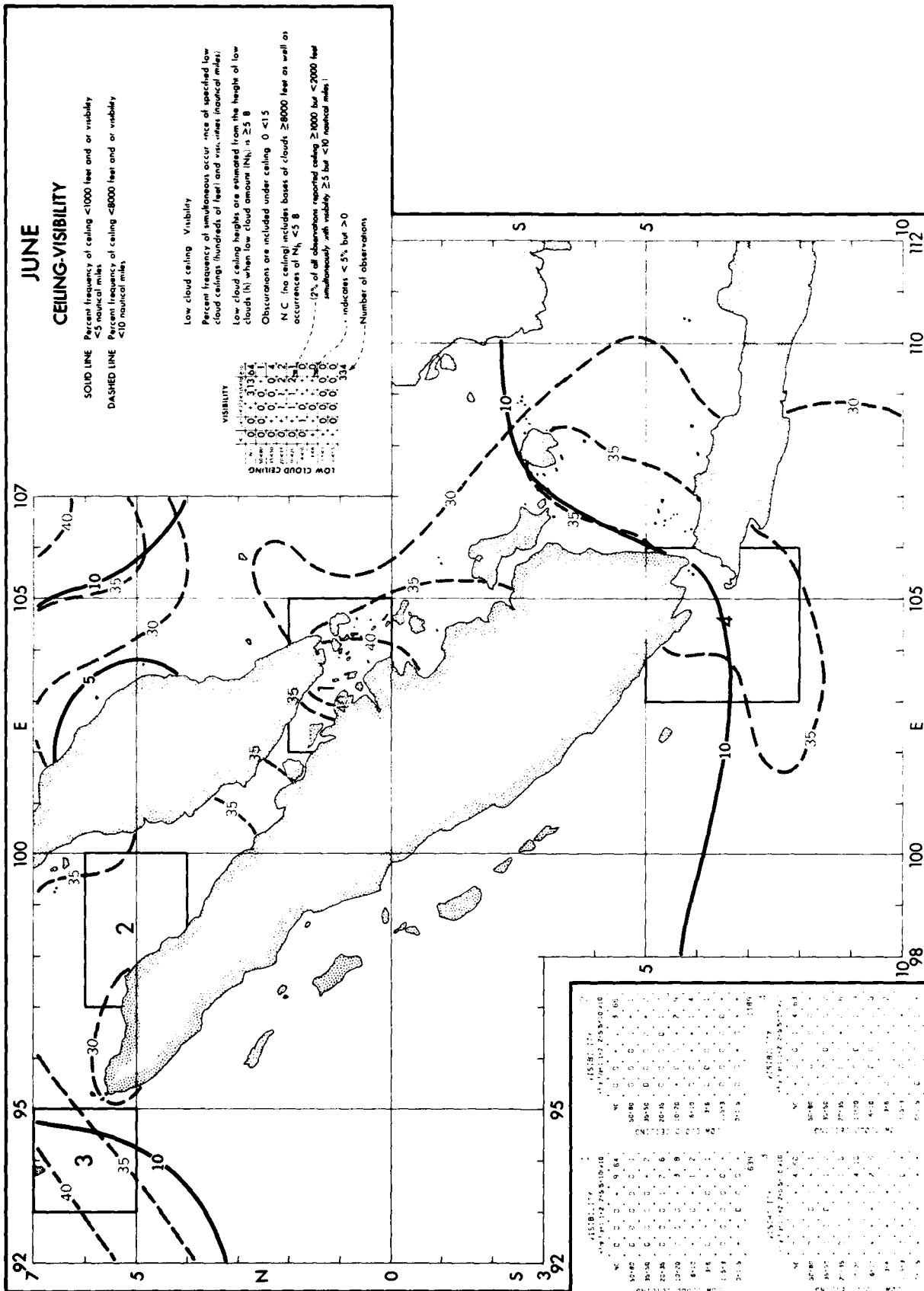


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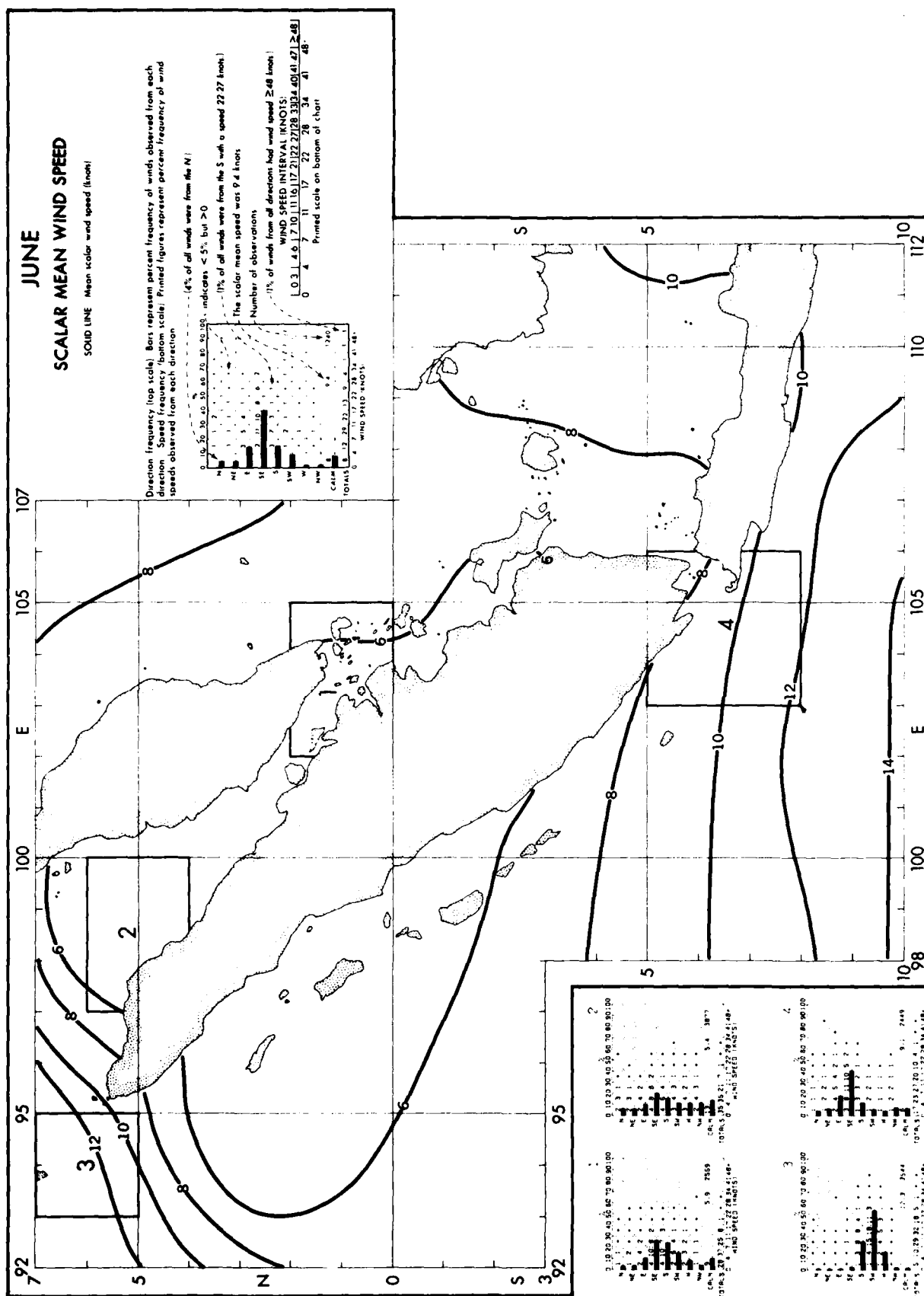
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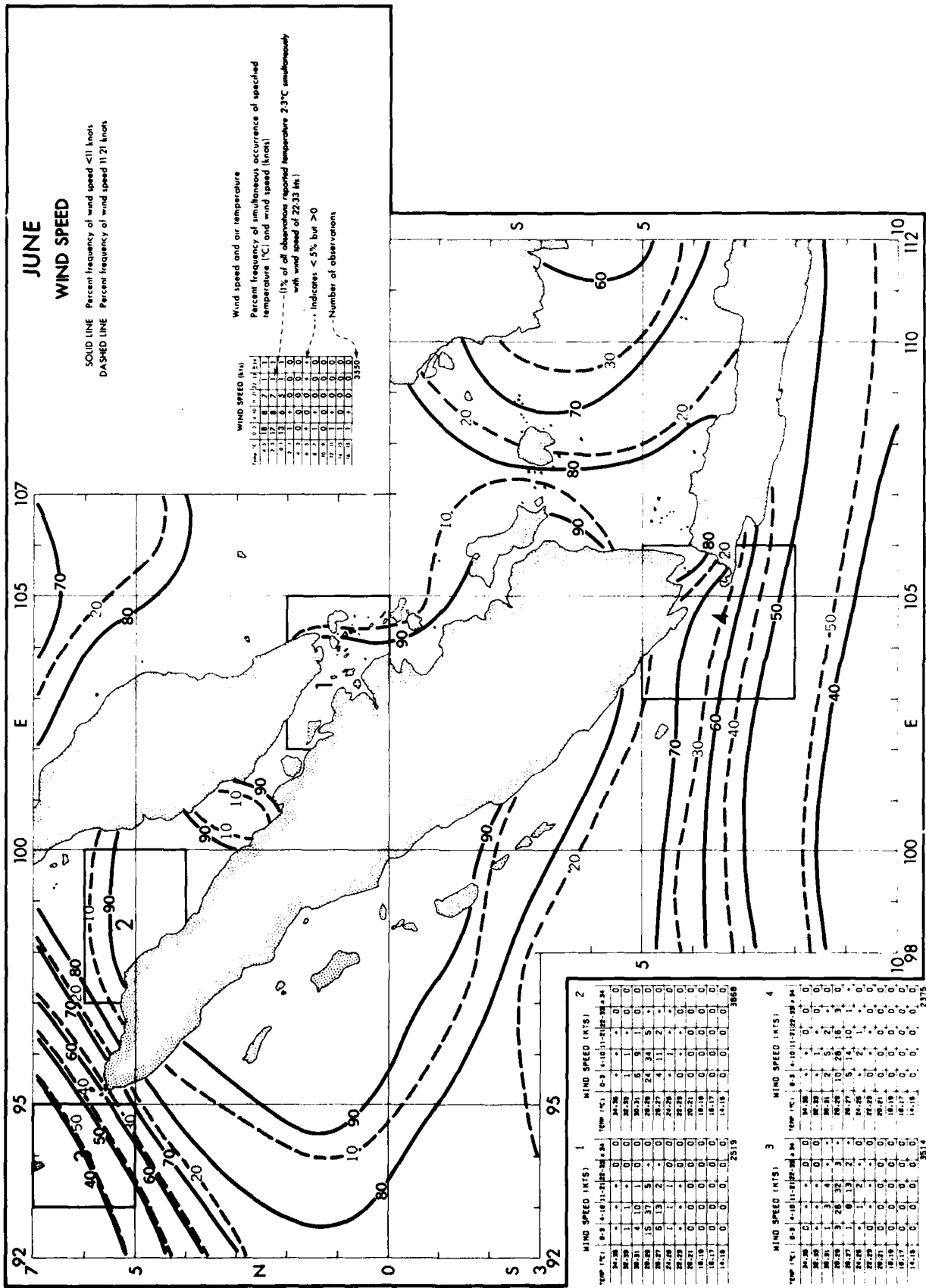


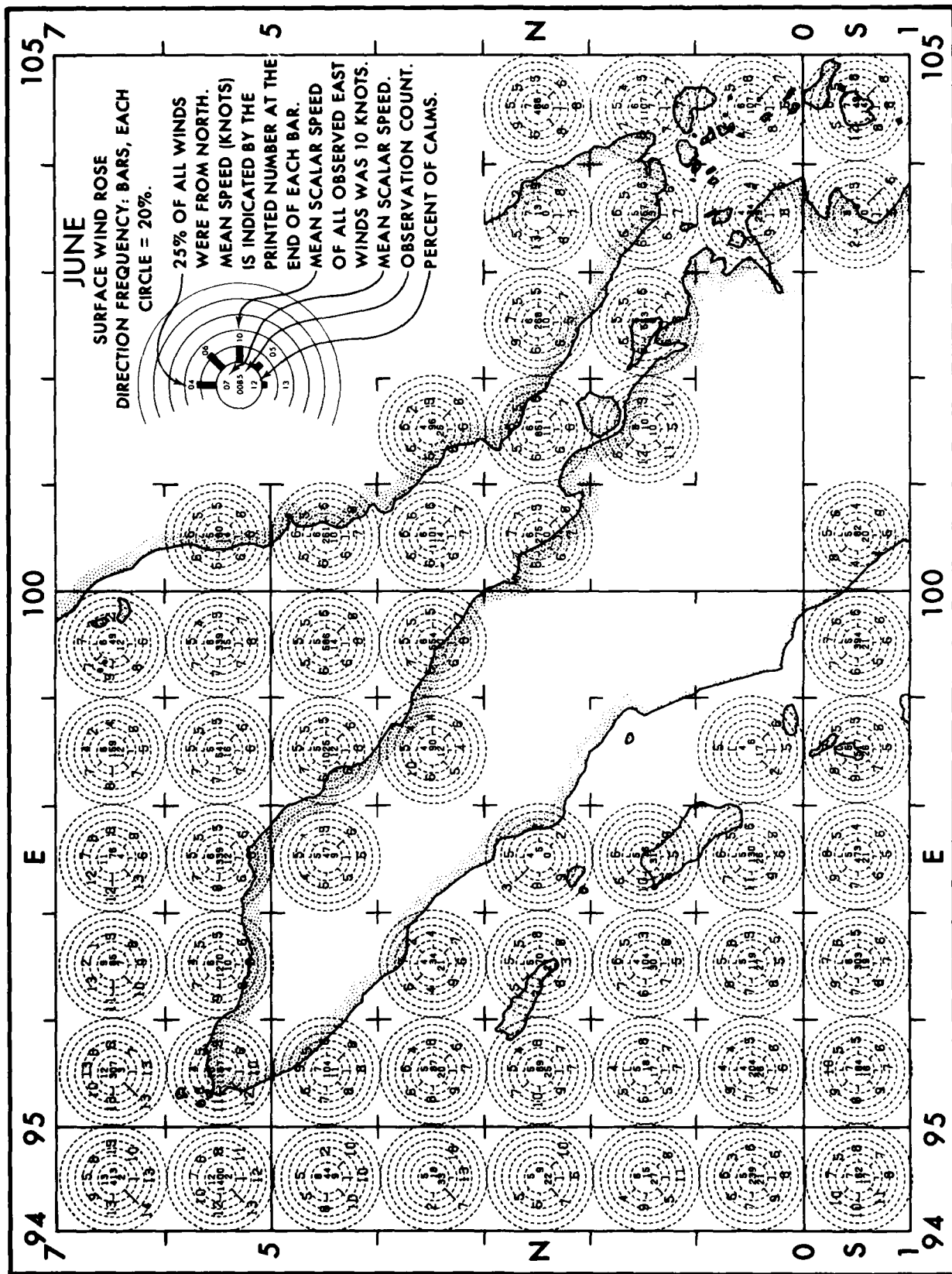


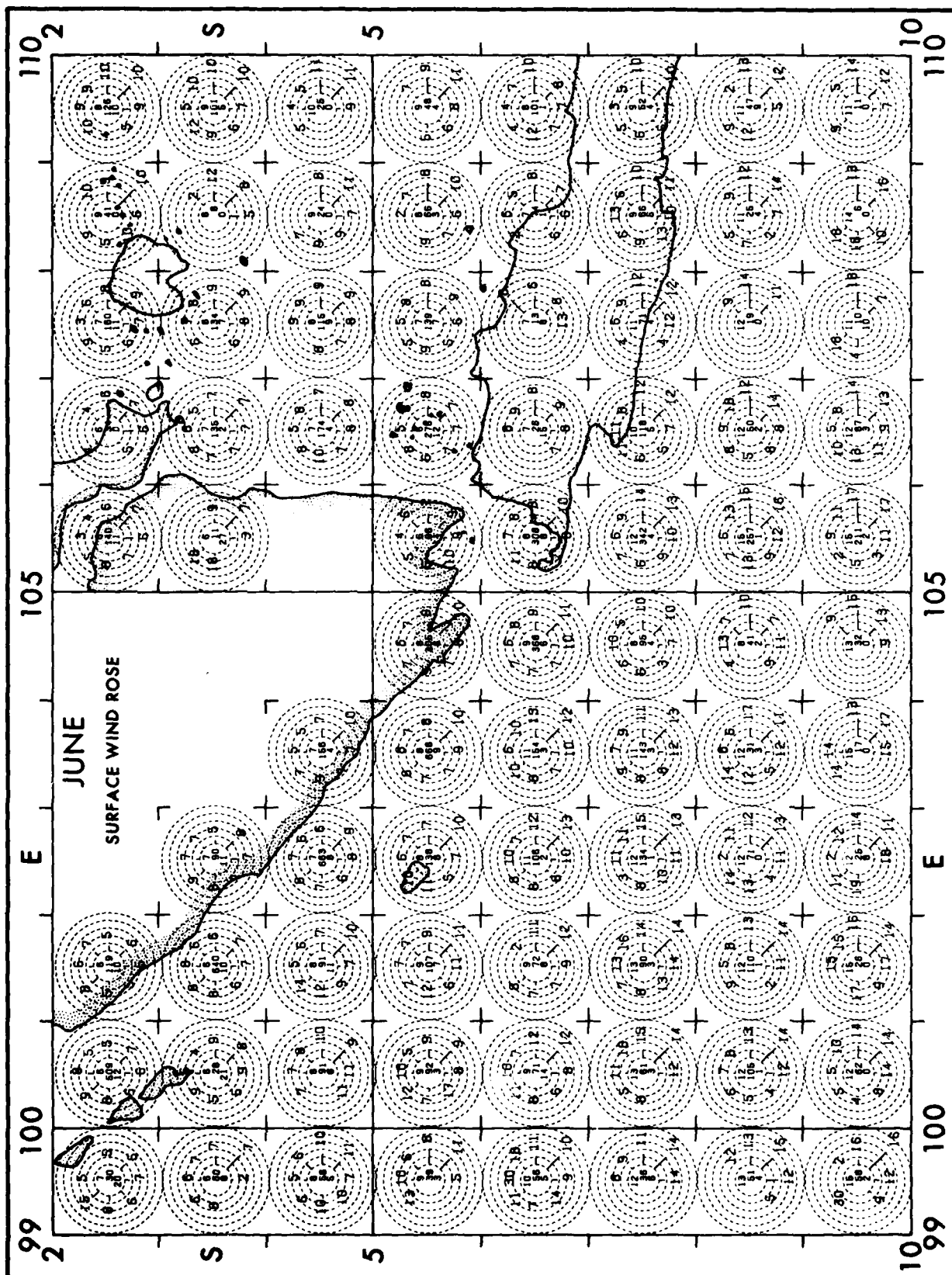










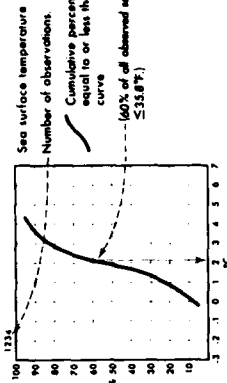


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## AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

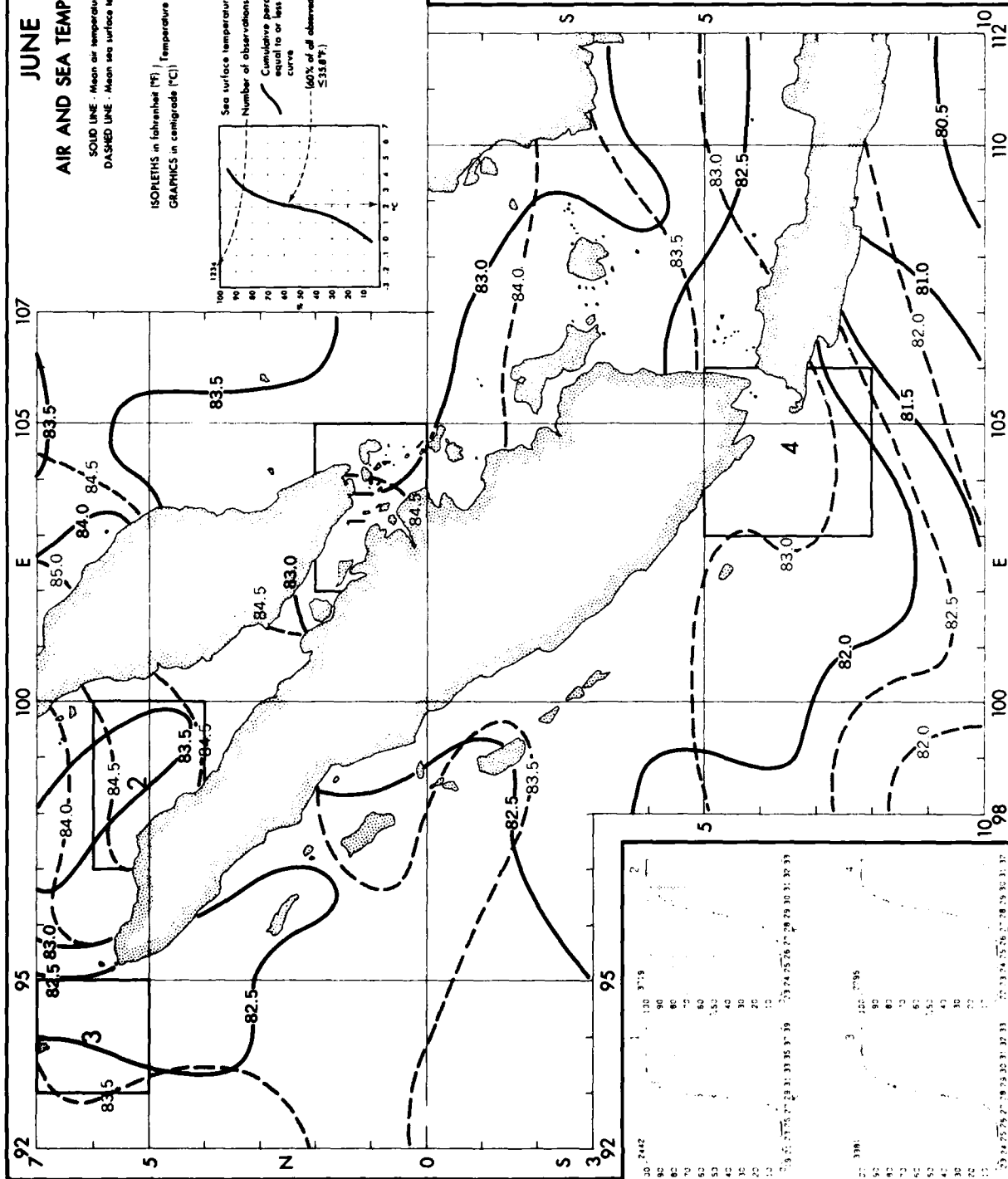
SOLID LINE - Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE - Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

ISOPLTHS in Fahrenheit (°F) / Temperature conversion table below.  
GRAPHICS in centigrade (°C)

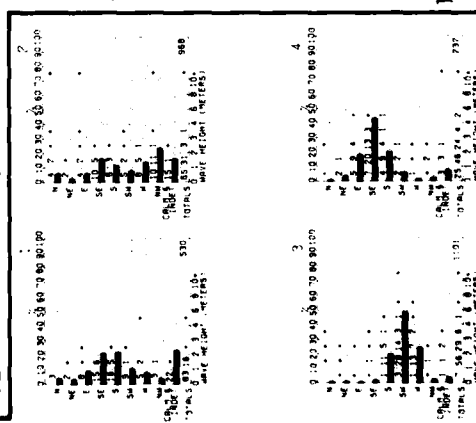


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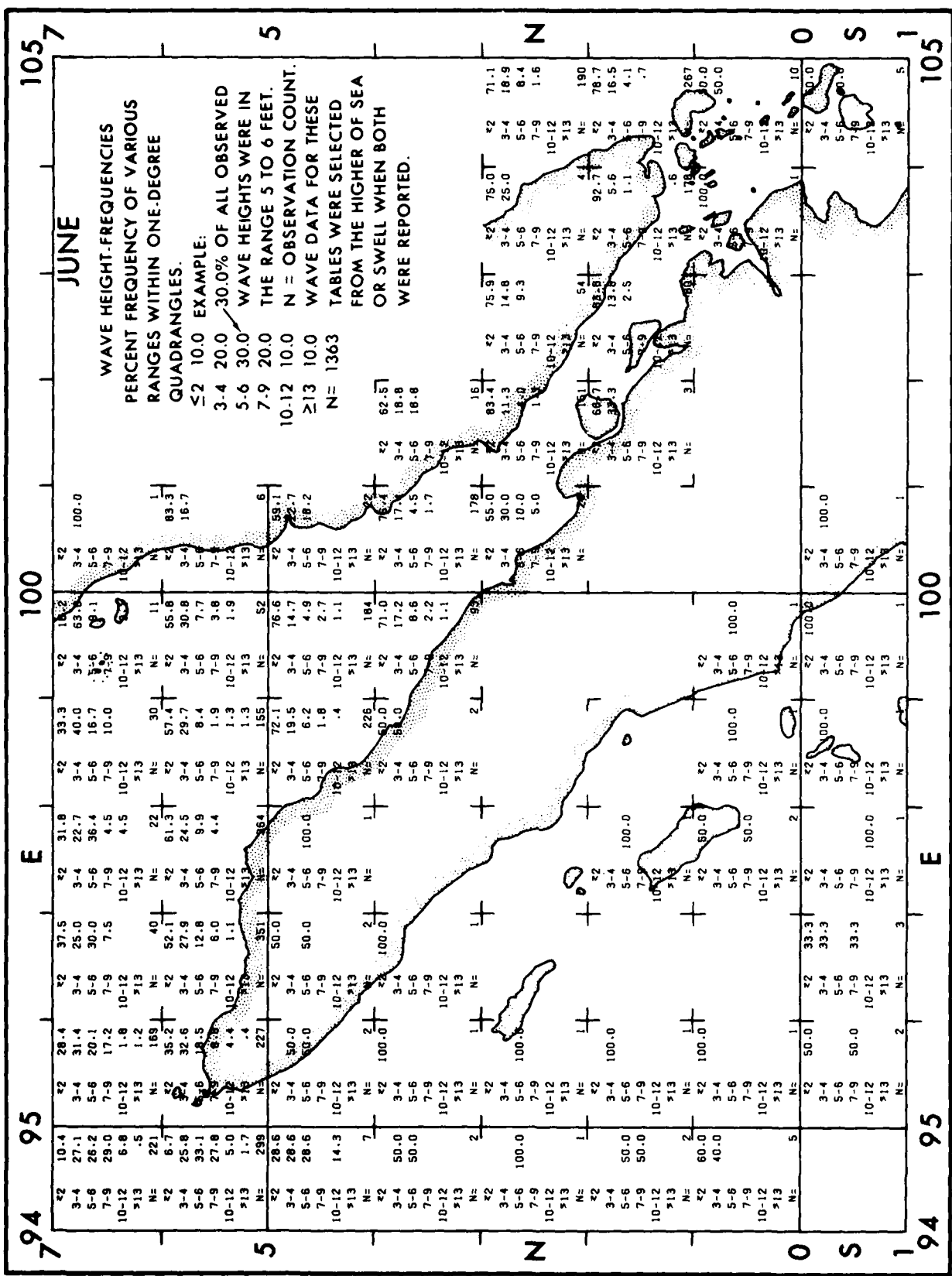
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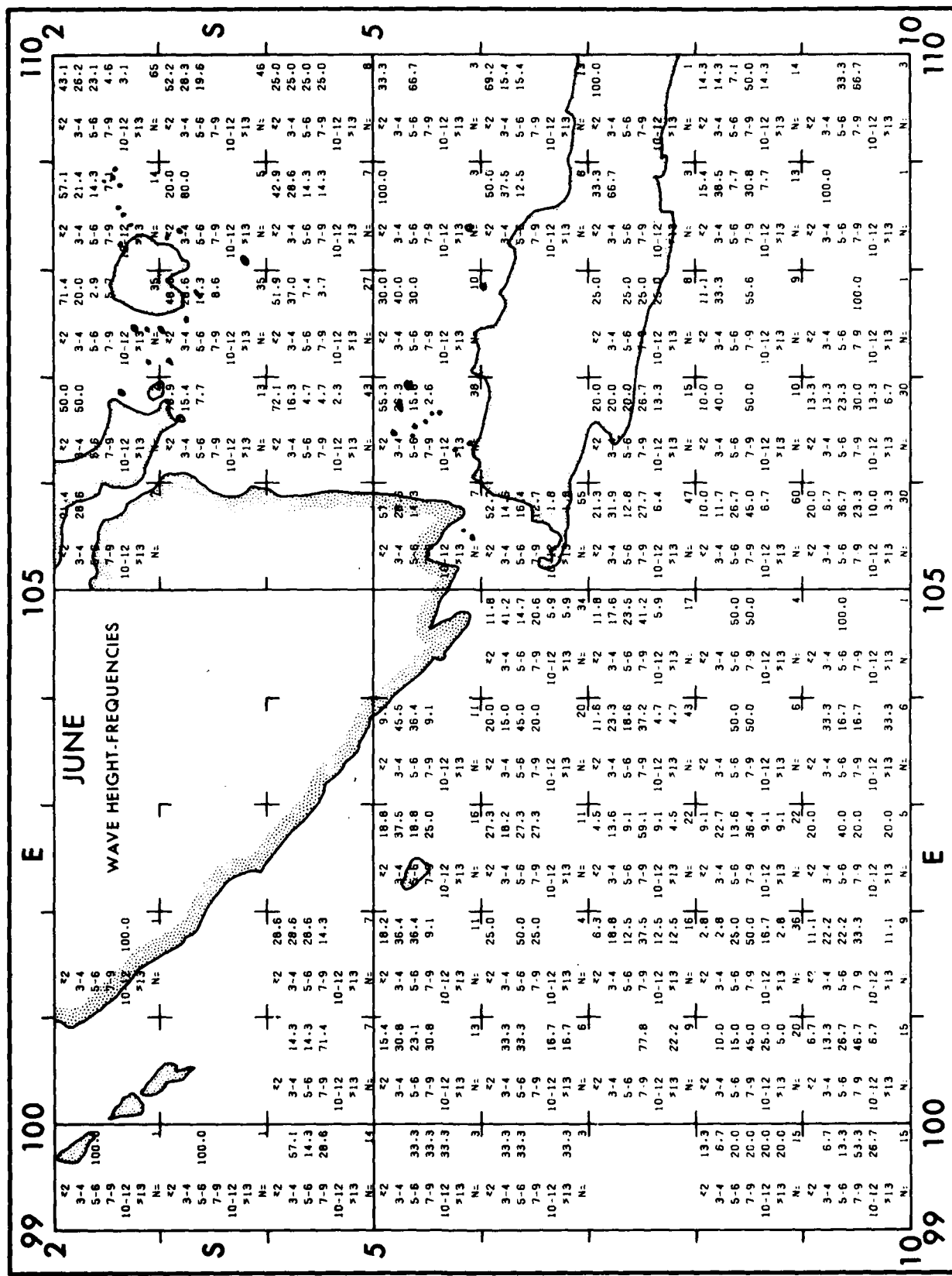


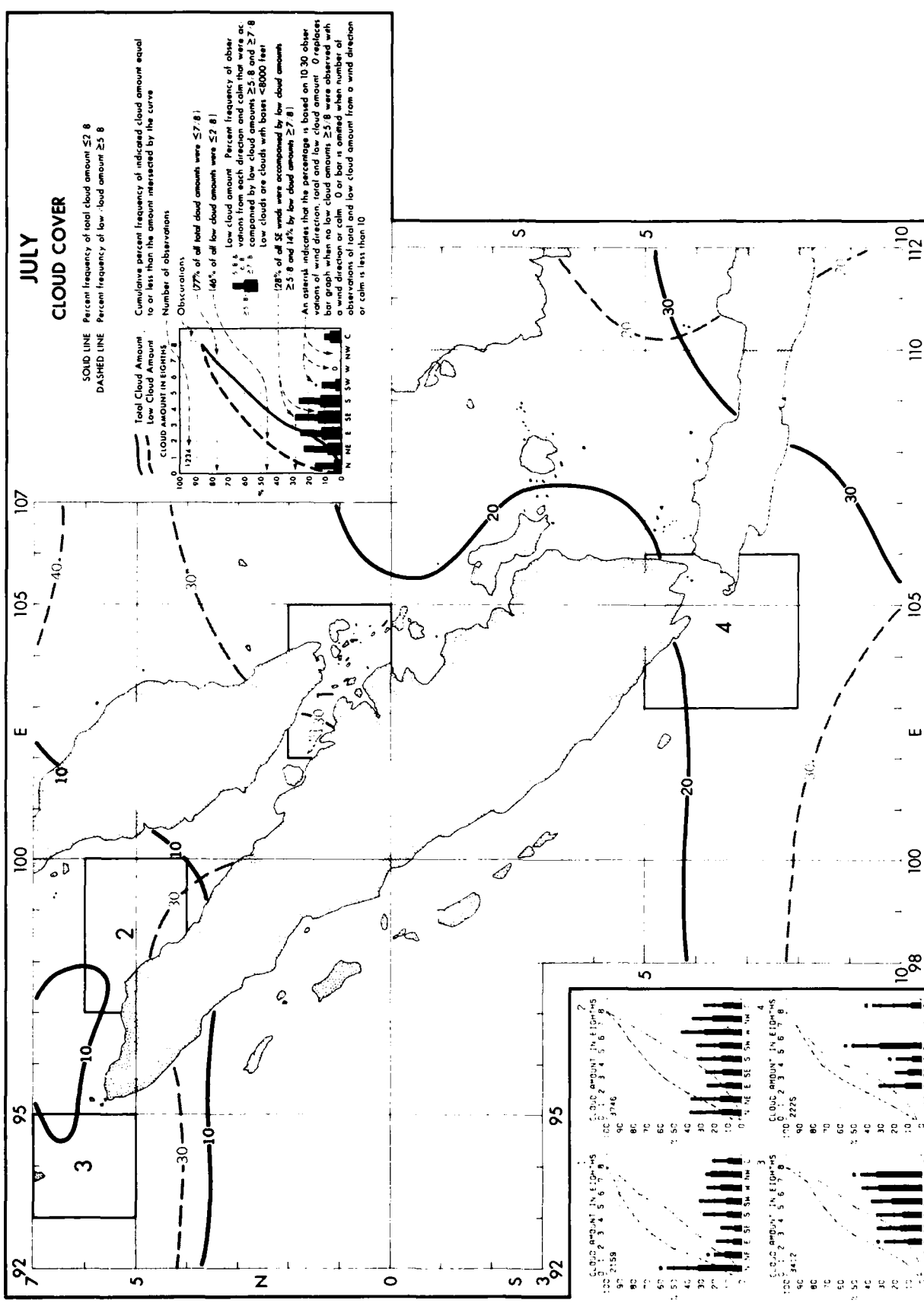
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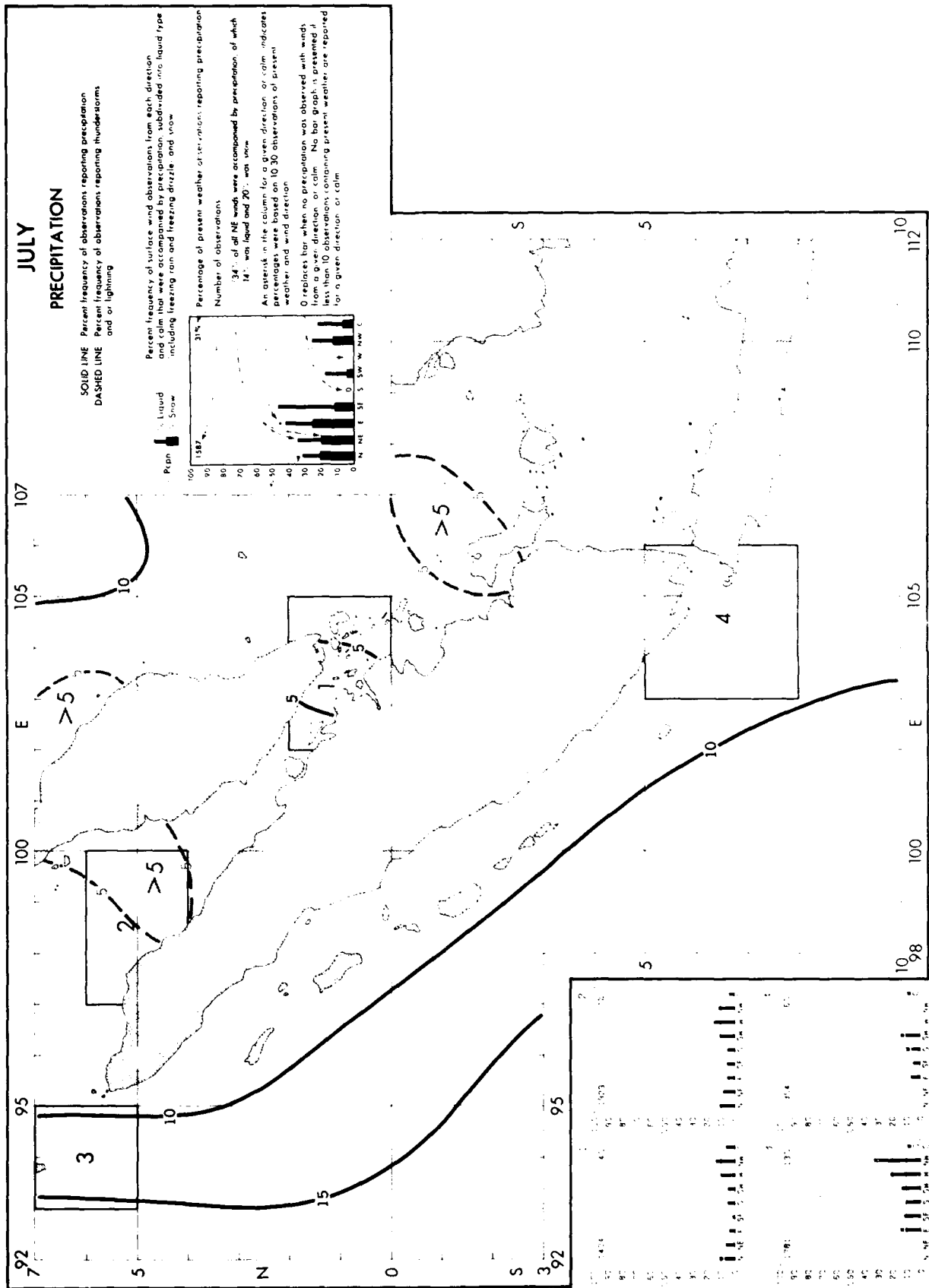


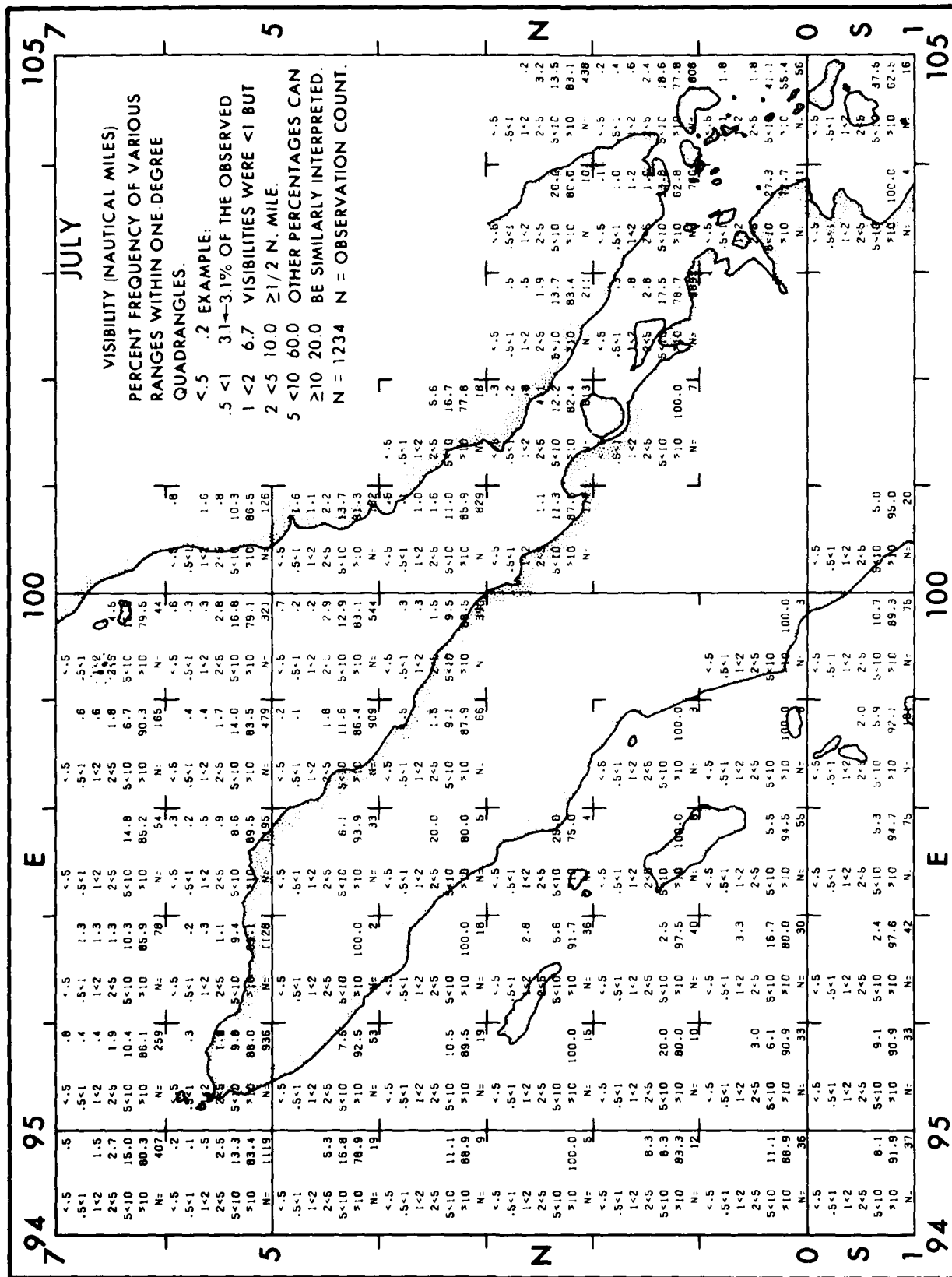


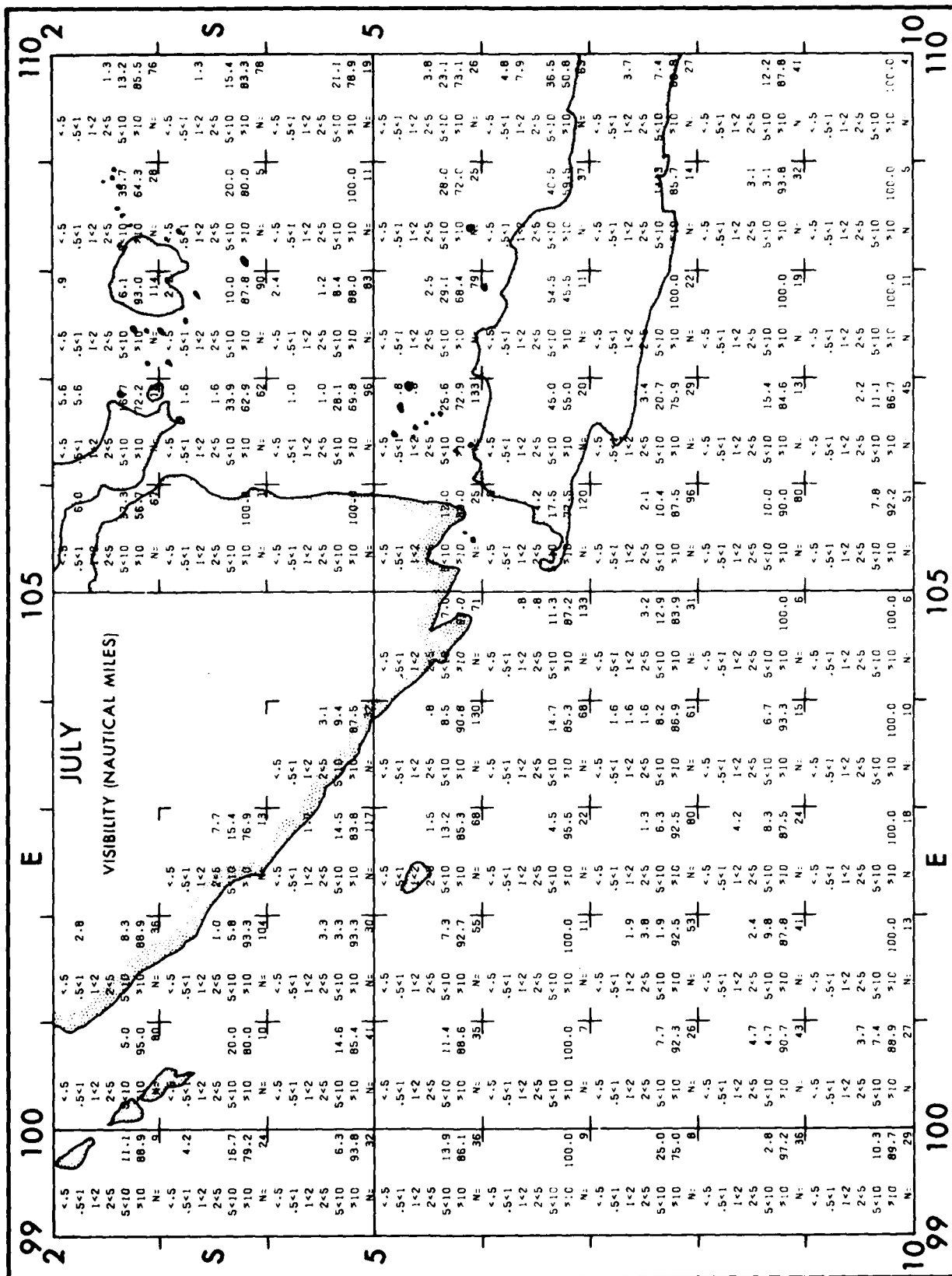












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# CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

Low cloud ceiling Visibility

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings (hundreds of feet) and visibilities (nautical miles):

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (h) when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is ≥ 5.8

Observations are included under ceiling 0 <15

N.C. (no ceiling) includes bases of clouds ≥8000 feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub> <5.8

1% of all observations reported ceiling ≥1000 but <2000 feet simultaneously with visibility ≥5 but <10 nautical miles

indicates <5% but >0

Number of observations

LOW CLOUD 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JULY

# WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS

Conditions for Carrier Operations

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of optimum conditions (CC  $\geq 3000$  h or no ICC, Vby  $\geq 5$  N Mi, and Wind  $\leq 17$  kt)  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of poor conditions Any one of the following constitutes poor conditions (CC  $< 300$  h, Vby  $< 1$  N Mi, Wind  $> 23$  kt)

Semi-velocity conditions between poor and optimum

Percent frequency of occurrence of specified wind speed in knots, visibility (Vby) in nautical miles, and low cloud ceiling (LCC) in hundreds of feet

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (h) when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is  $\geq 5$

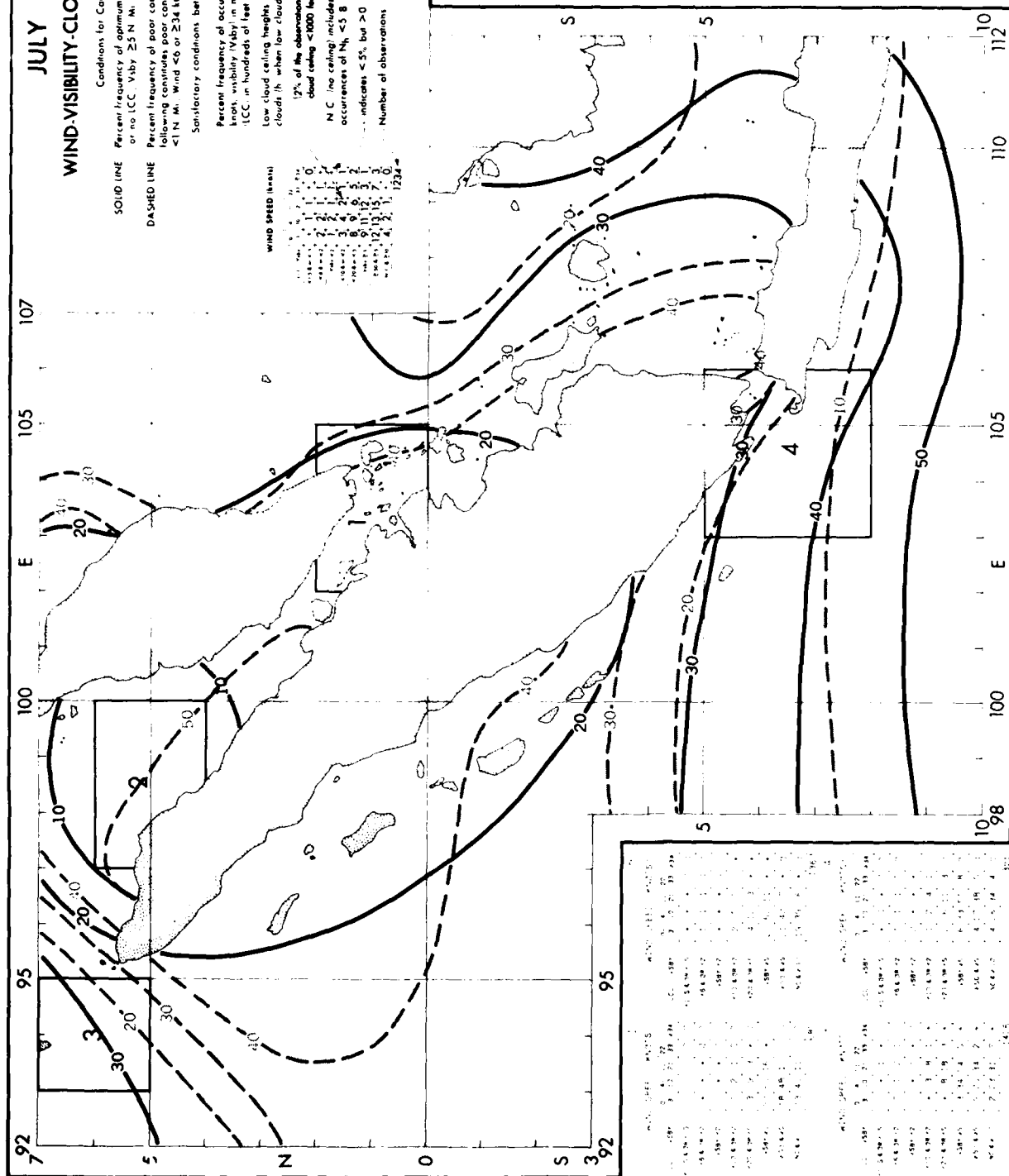
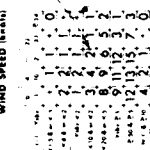
(% of the observations reported wind speeds of 11-21 knots, a low cloud ceiling  $< 1000$  feet and or visibility  $< 2$  nautical miles)

N.C. (no ceiling) includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub>  $< 5$

... indicates  $< 5\%$ , but  $> 0$

Number of observations

WIND SPEED (knots)





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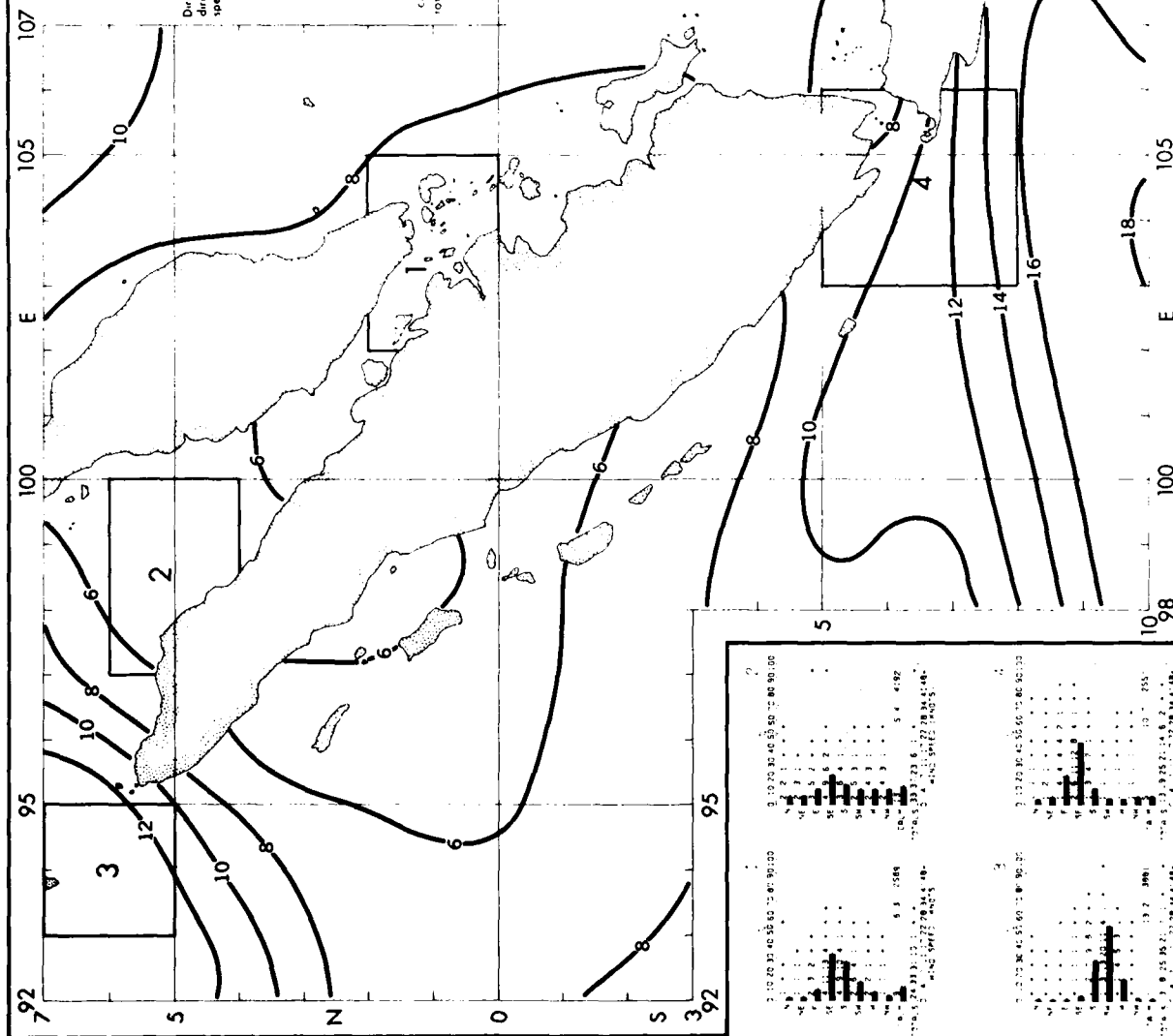
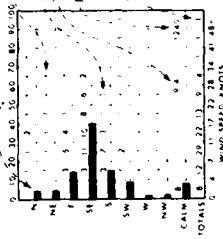
SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale). Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency bottom scale. Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

4% of all winds were from the N;  
1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots.  
The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots.  
Number of observations

1% of winds from all directions had wind speed  $\geq 48$  knots.  
WIND SPEED INTERVAL (KNOTS)  
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Printed scale on bottom of chart



## WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE      Percent frequency of wind speed < 11 knots  
DASHED LINE      Percent frequency of wind speed 11-21 knots

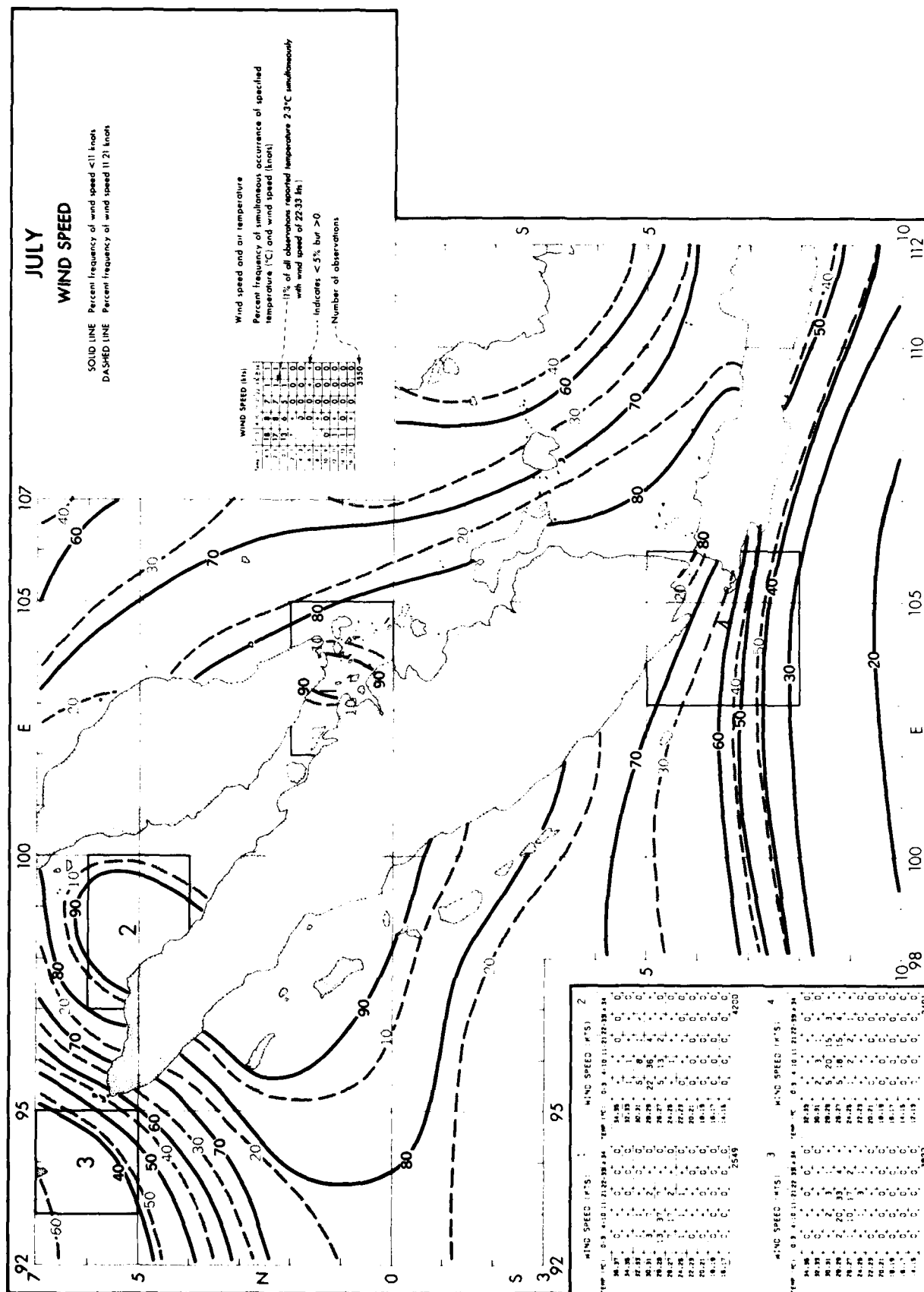
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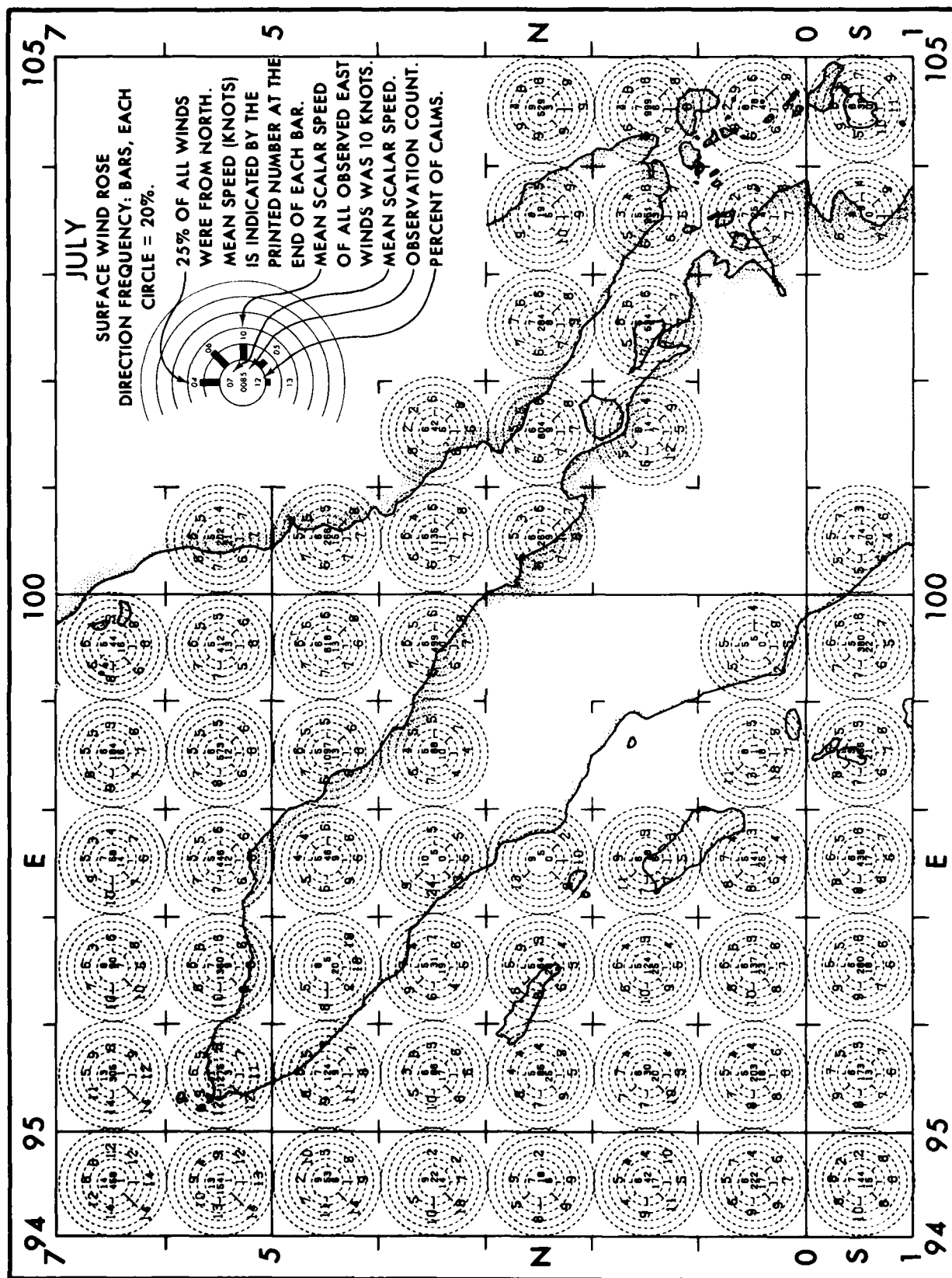
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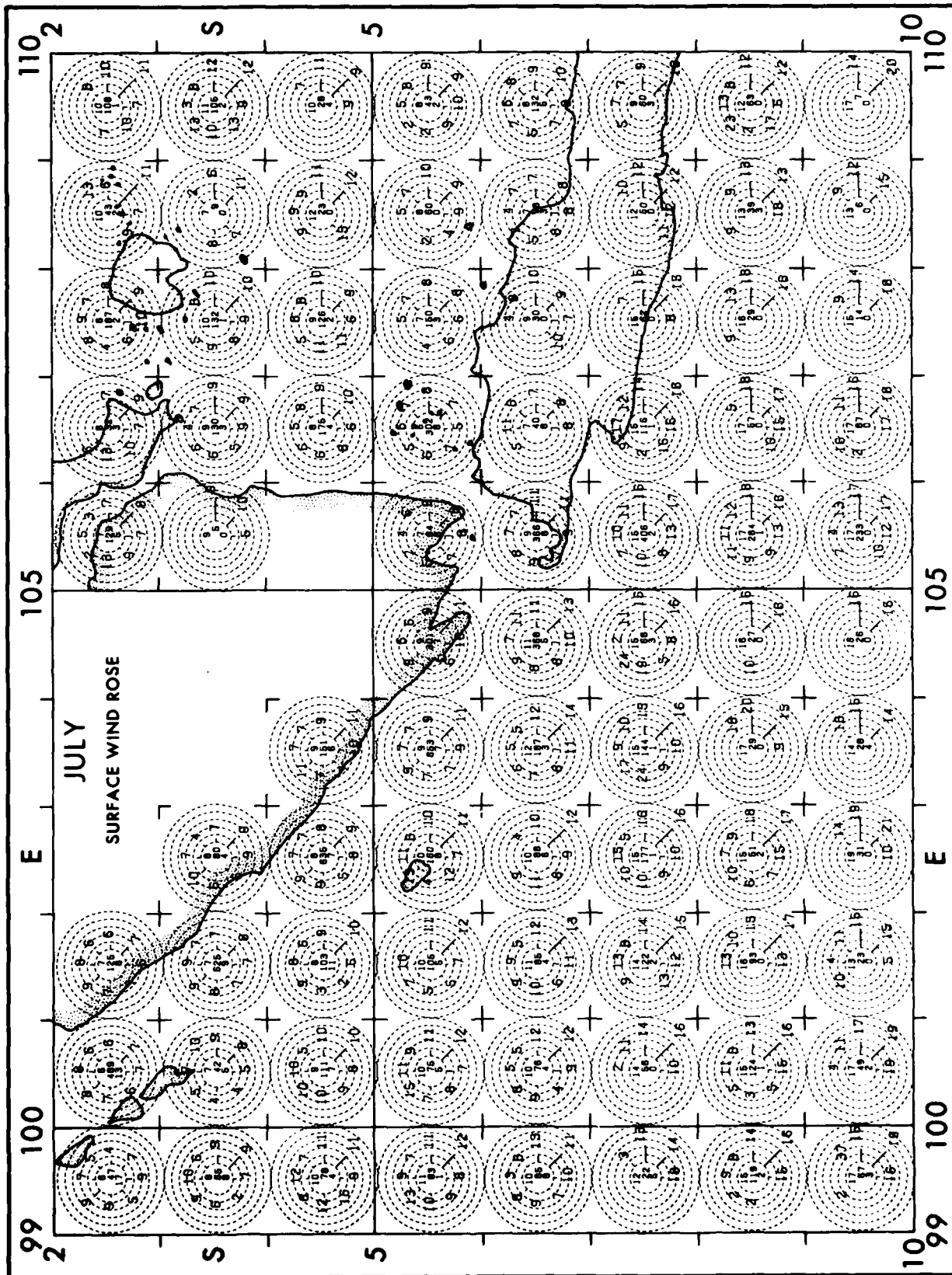
11% of all observations reported temperature  $2.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  simultaneously with wind speed of  $22.33\text{ kts}$ )

rates  $< 5\%$  but  $> 0$ .

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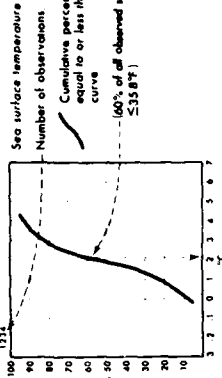


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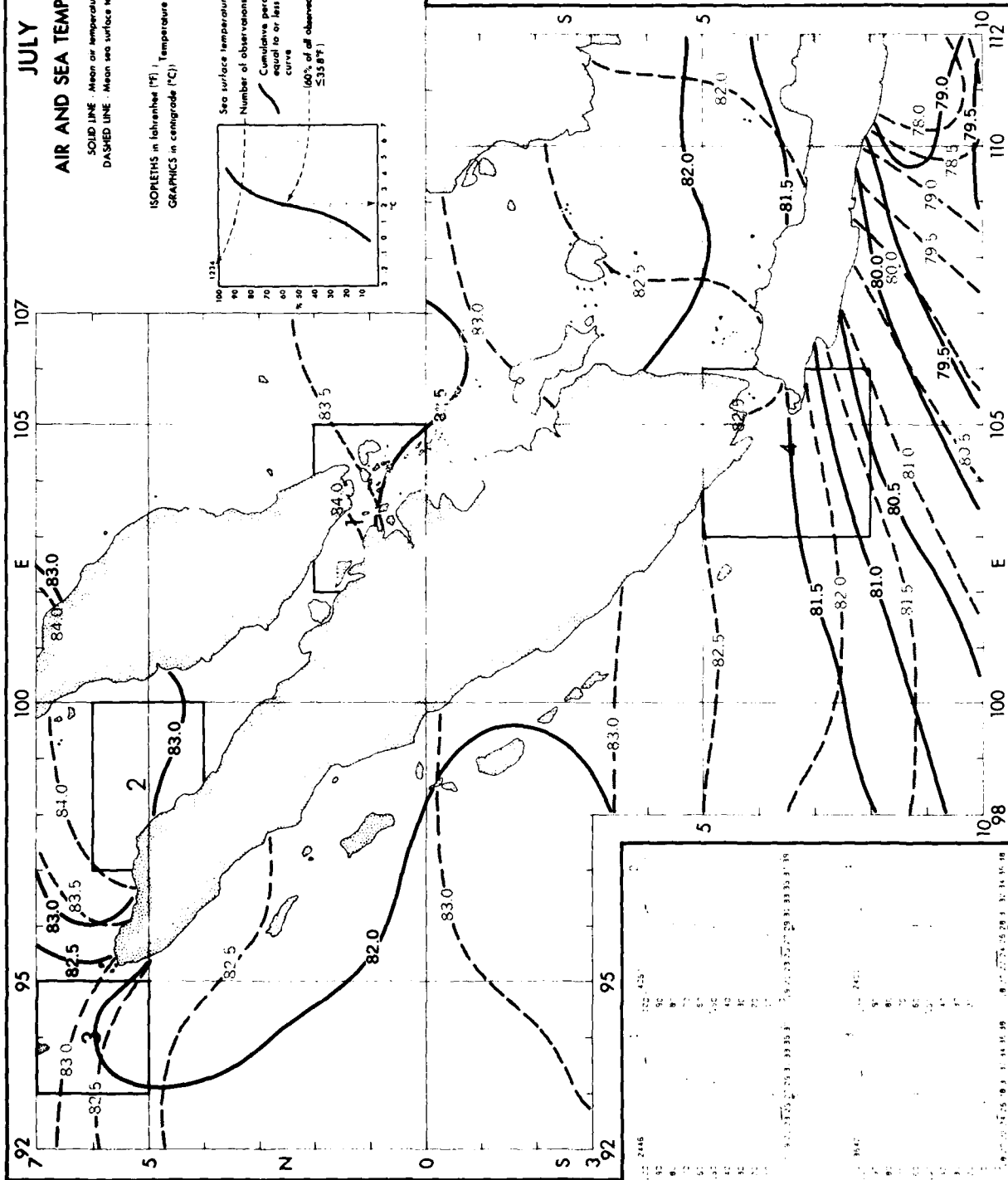
SOLID LINE: Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE: Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

ISOPLTHS in Fahrenheit (°F) | Temperature conversion table below  
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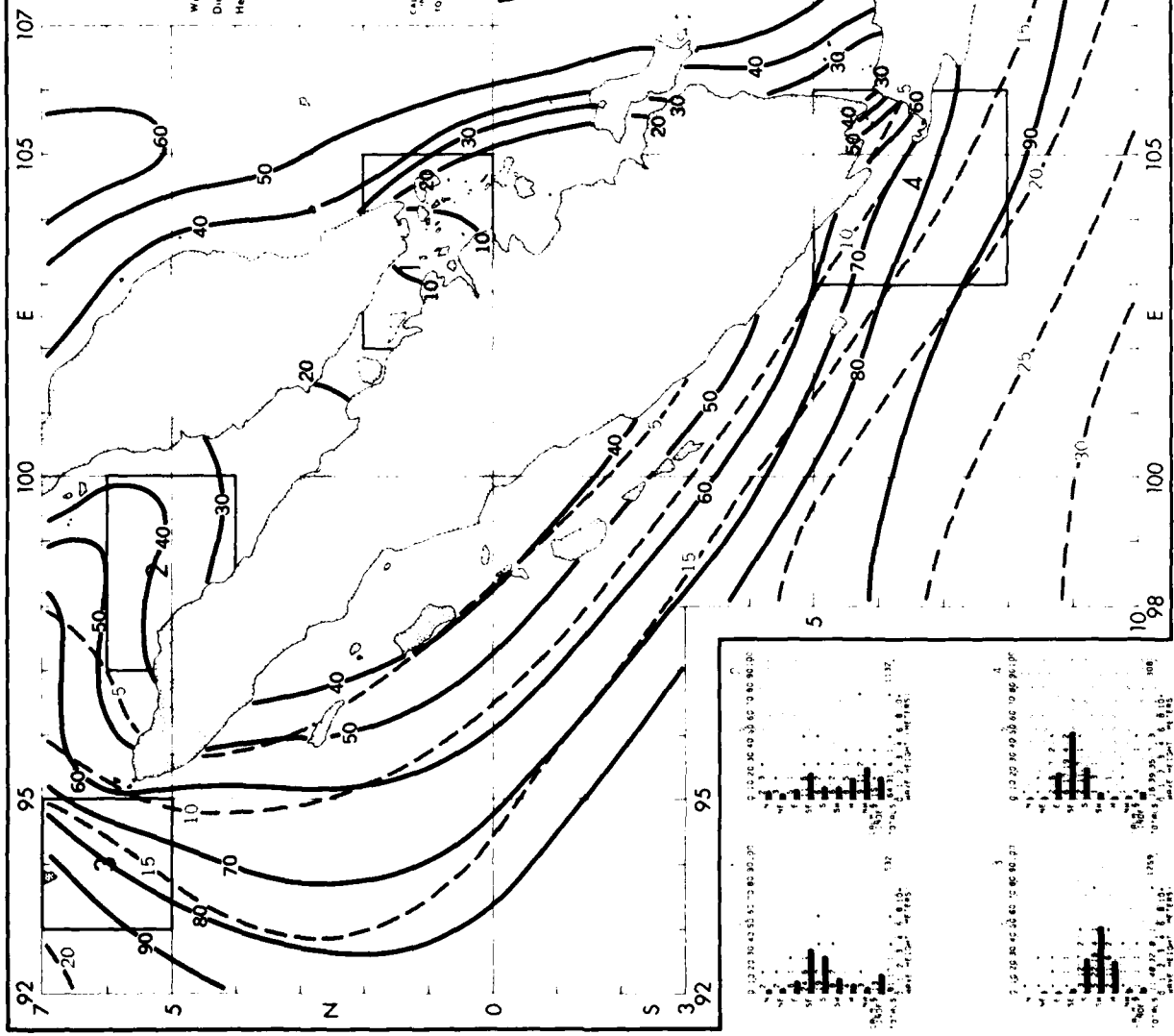
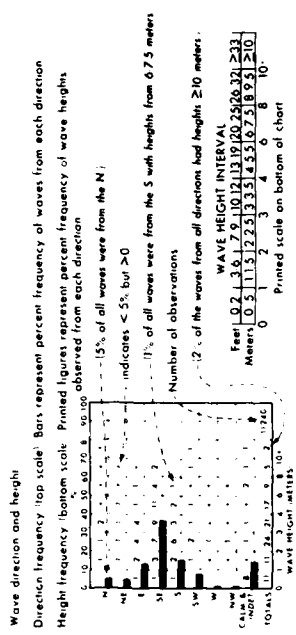
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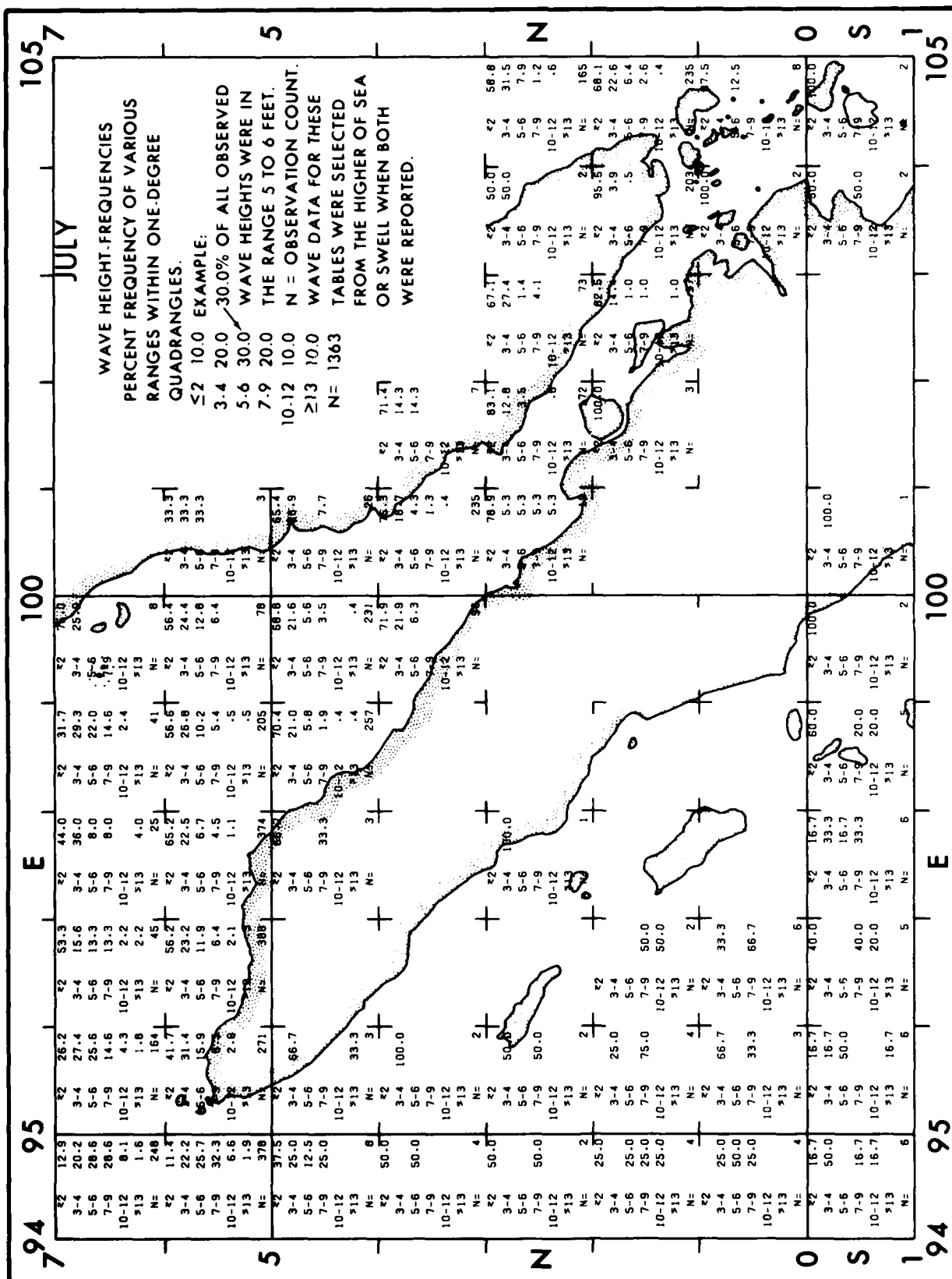
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17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
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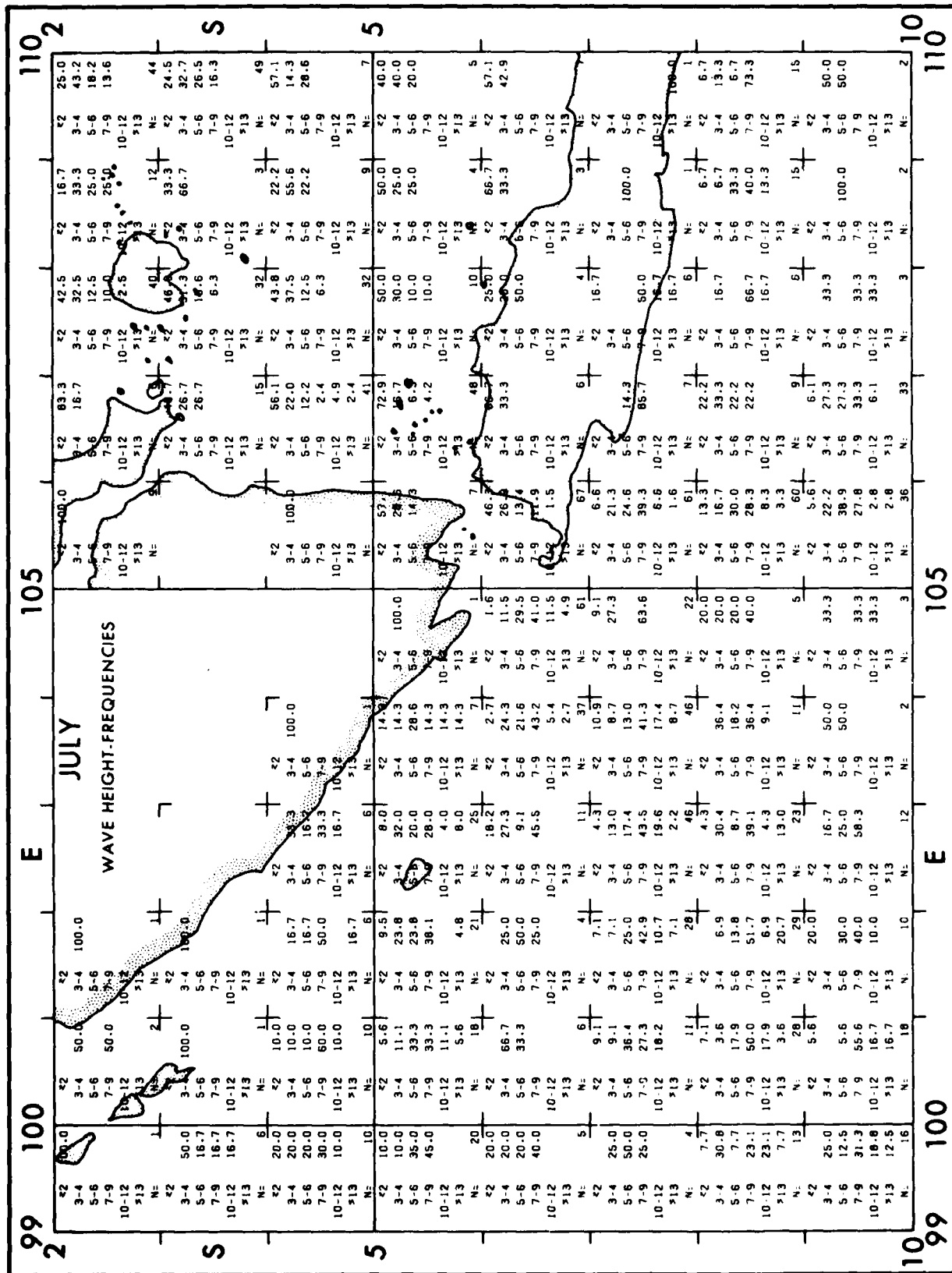


# **JULY WAVES**

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height 23 feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height 28 feet









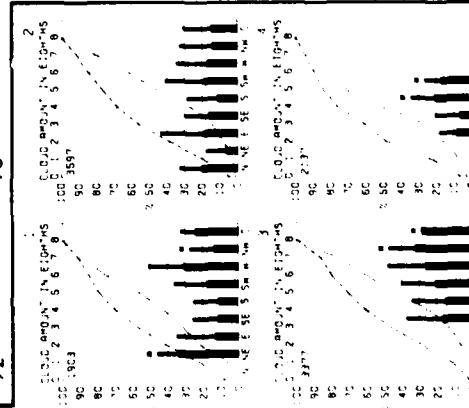
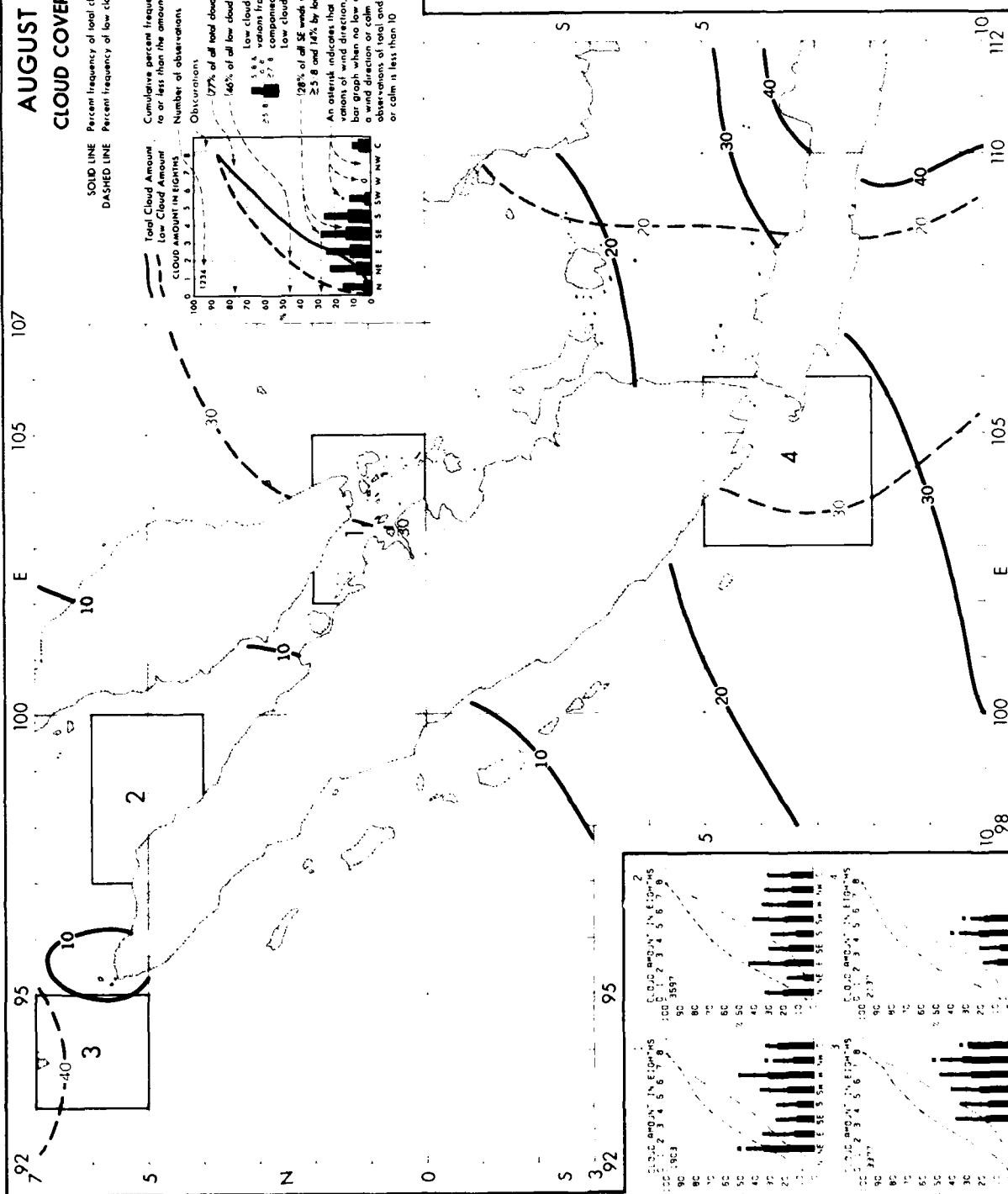
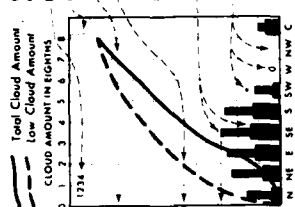
# AUGUST CLOUD COVER

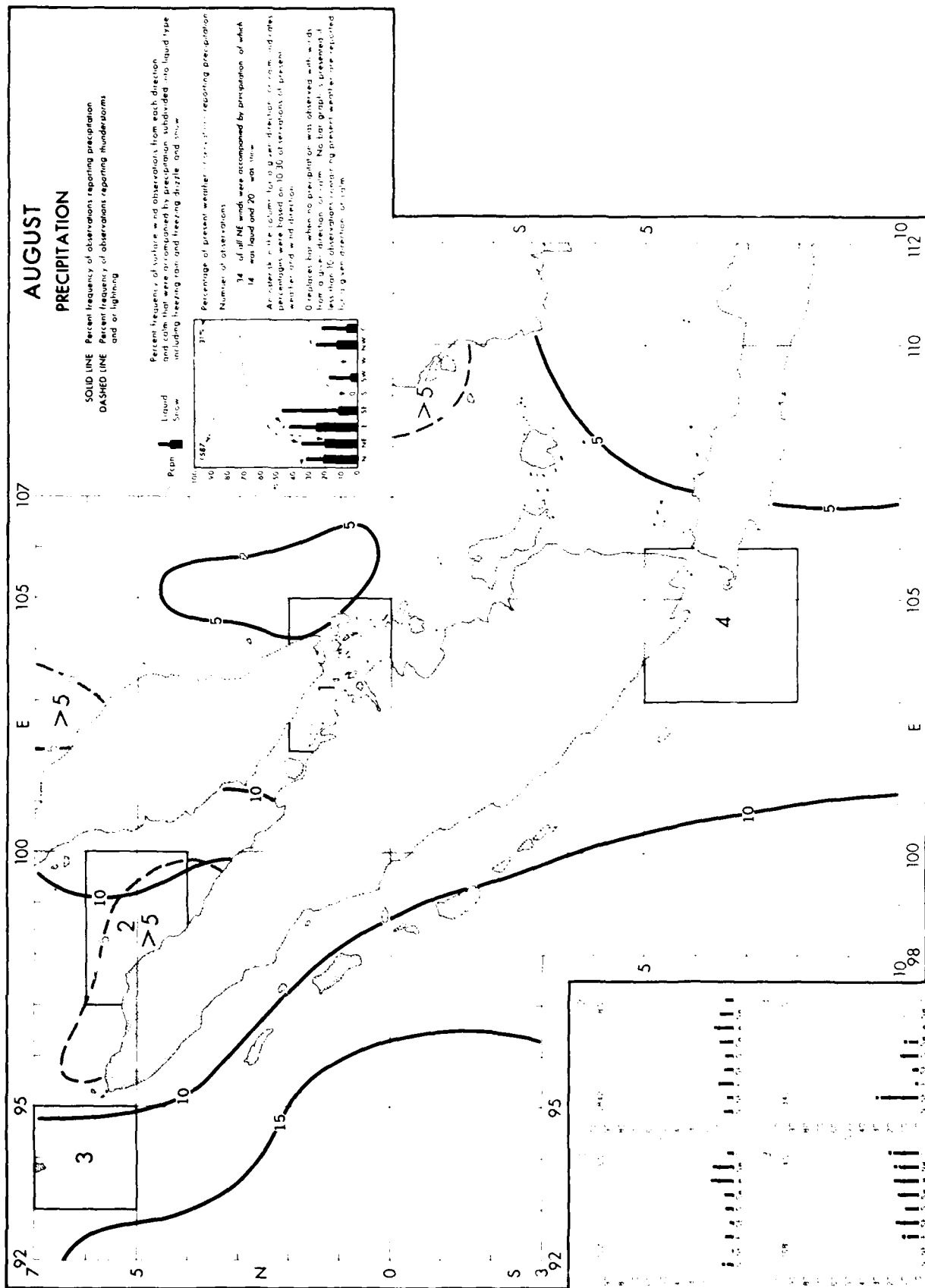
SOLID LINE Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\leq 2.8$   
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\geq 2.8$

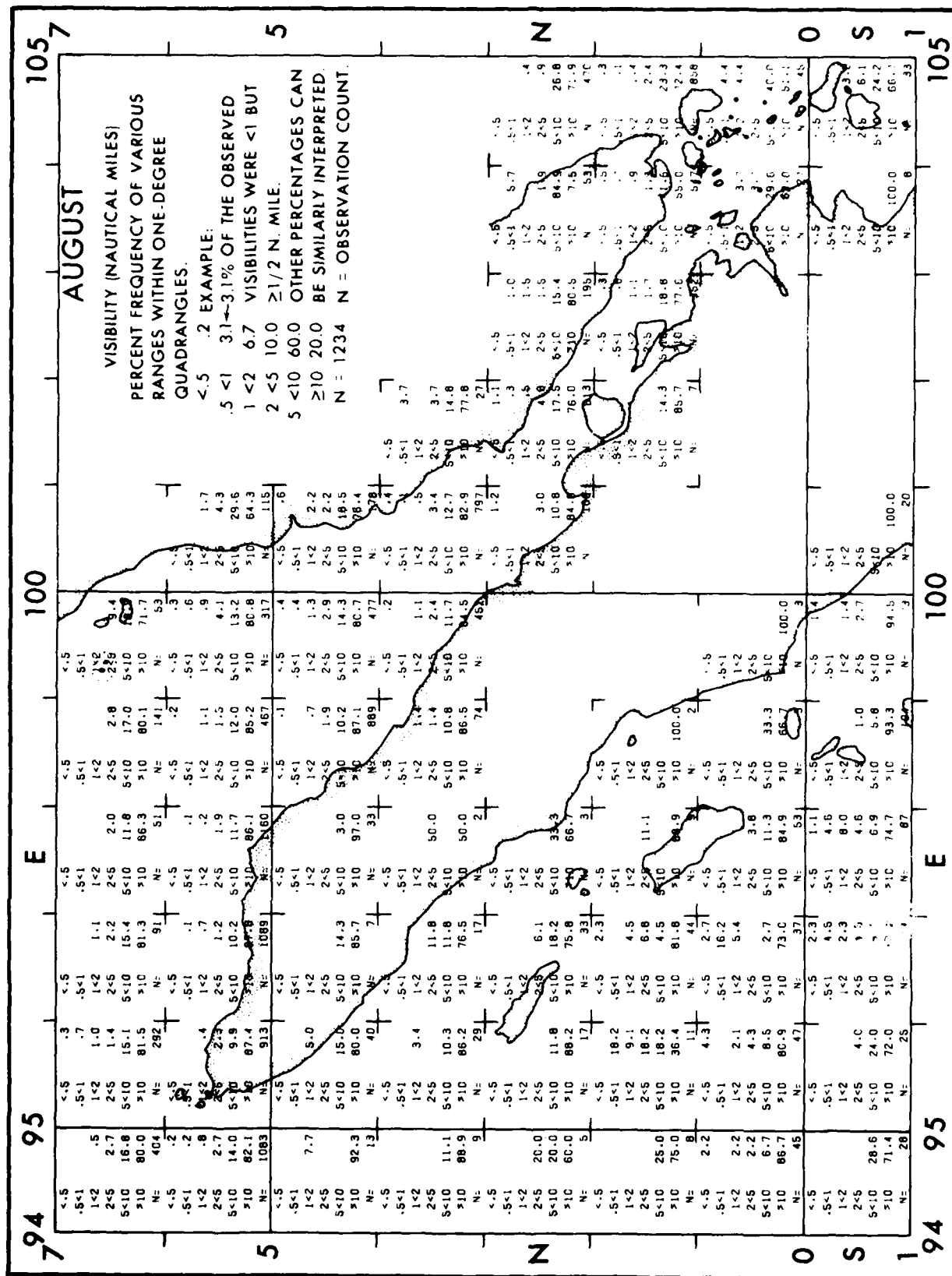
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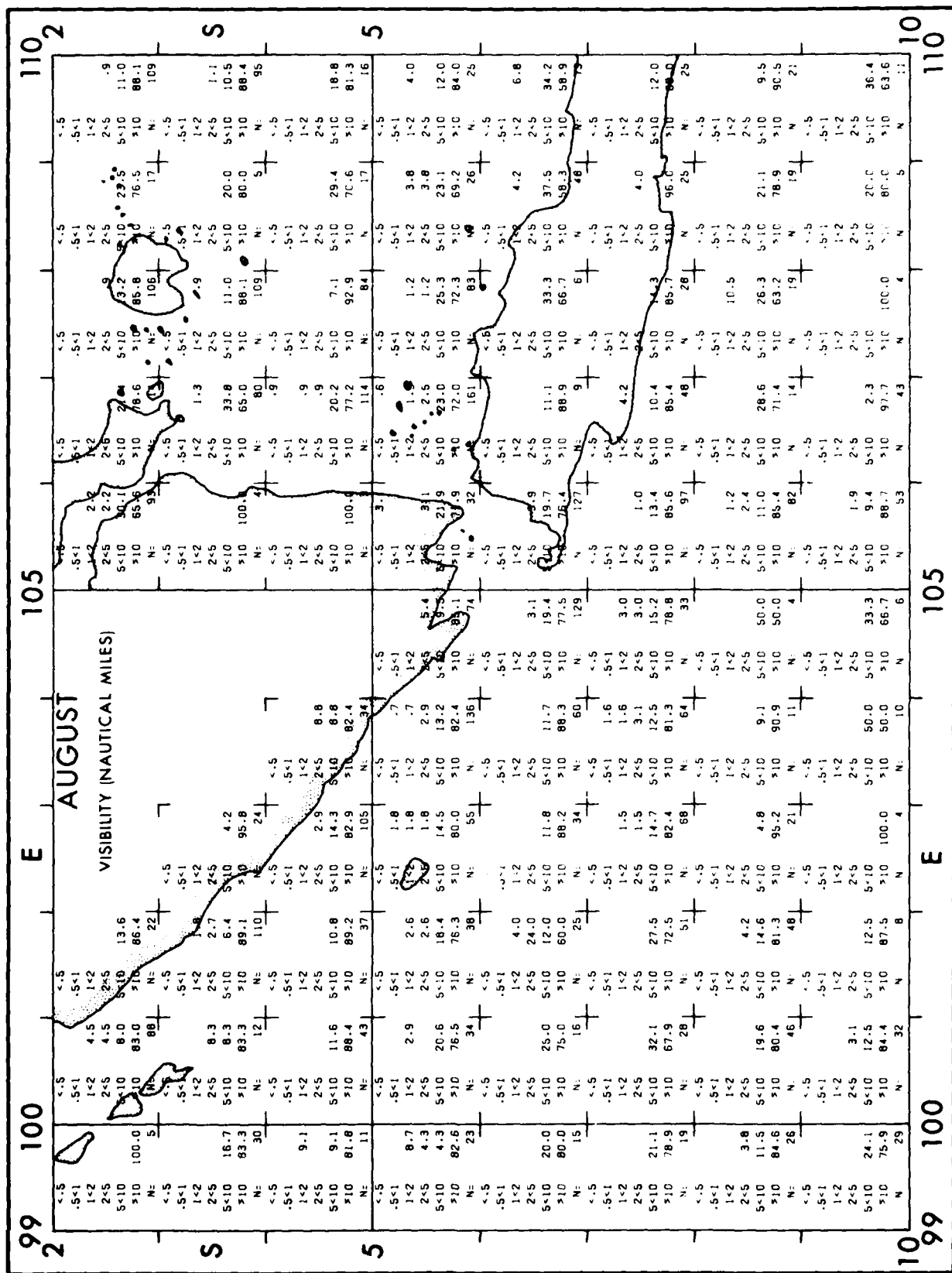
Number of observations

177% of all total cloud amounts were  $\leq 2.8$   
146% of all low cloud amounts were  $\leq 2.8$   
Low cloud amount Percent frequency of observations from each direction and calm that were at least 2.8 accompanied by low cloud amounts  $\geq 2.8$  and  $\geq 7.8$   
Low clouds are clouds with bases  $< 8000$  feet  
28% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amounts  $\geq 2.8$   
25.8 and 14% by low cloud amounts  $\geq 7.8$   
An asterisk indicates that the percentage is based on 1030 observations of wind direction, total and low cloud amount. 0 replaces bar graph when no low cloud amounts  $\geq 2.8$  were observed with a wind direction or calm. 0 or bar is omitted when number of observations of total and low cloud amount from a wind direction or calm is less than 10









# AUGUST CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and/or visibility <5 nautical miles  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and/or visibility <10 nautical miles

LOW CLOUD CEILING

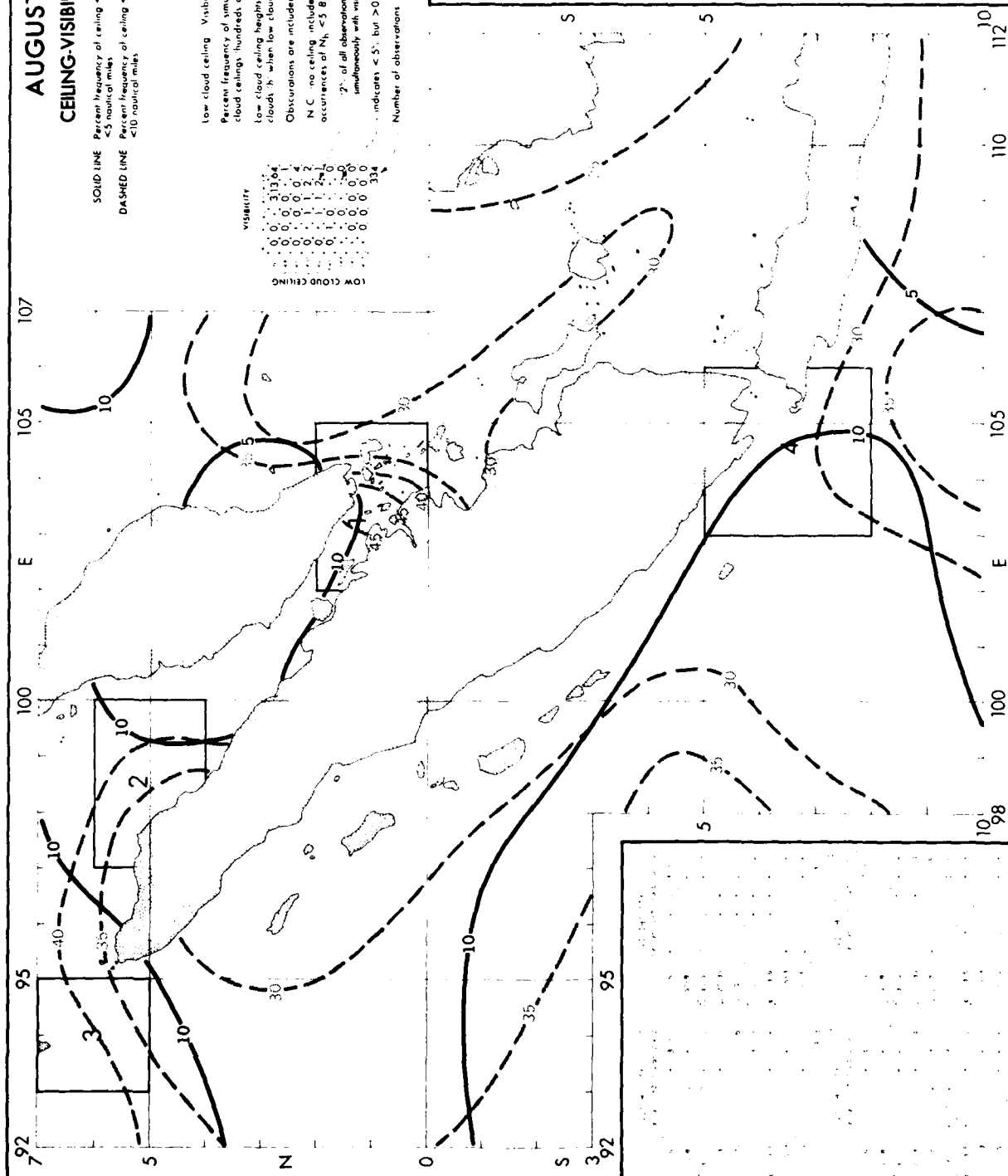
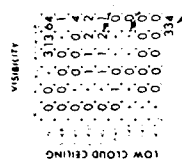
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings, hundreds of feet and visibilities, nautical miles. Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds "h" when low cloud amount  $N_h$  is  $\geq 5$ .

Observations are included under ceiling 0 <15  
N.C. no ceiling, includes bases of clouds >300 feet as well as occurrences of  $N_h$  <5.8

2% of all observations reported ceiling  $\geq 1000$  but <2000 feet simultaneously with visibility  $\geq 5$  but <10 nautical miles

indicates <5% but >0

Number of observations



# AUGUST

## WIND-VISIBILITY-CLOUDINESS

Conditions for Carrier Operations  
 Percent frequency of optimum conditions (LCC  $\geq 5000$  h for no LCC, Vby  $\geq 5$  N Mi, and Wind  $\leq 11$  kt)  
 Percent frequency of poor conditions Any one of the following constitutes poor conditions (LCC  $< 300$  h, Vby  $< 1$  N Mi, Wind  $> 23$  kt)  
 Satisfactory conditions between poor and optimum

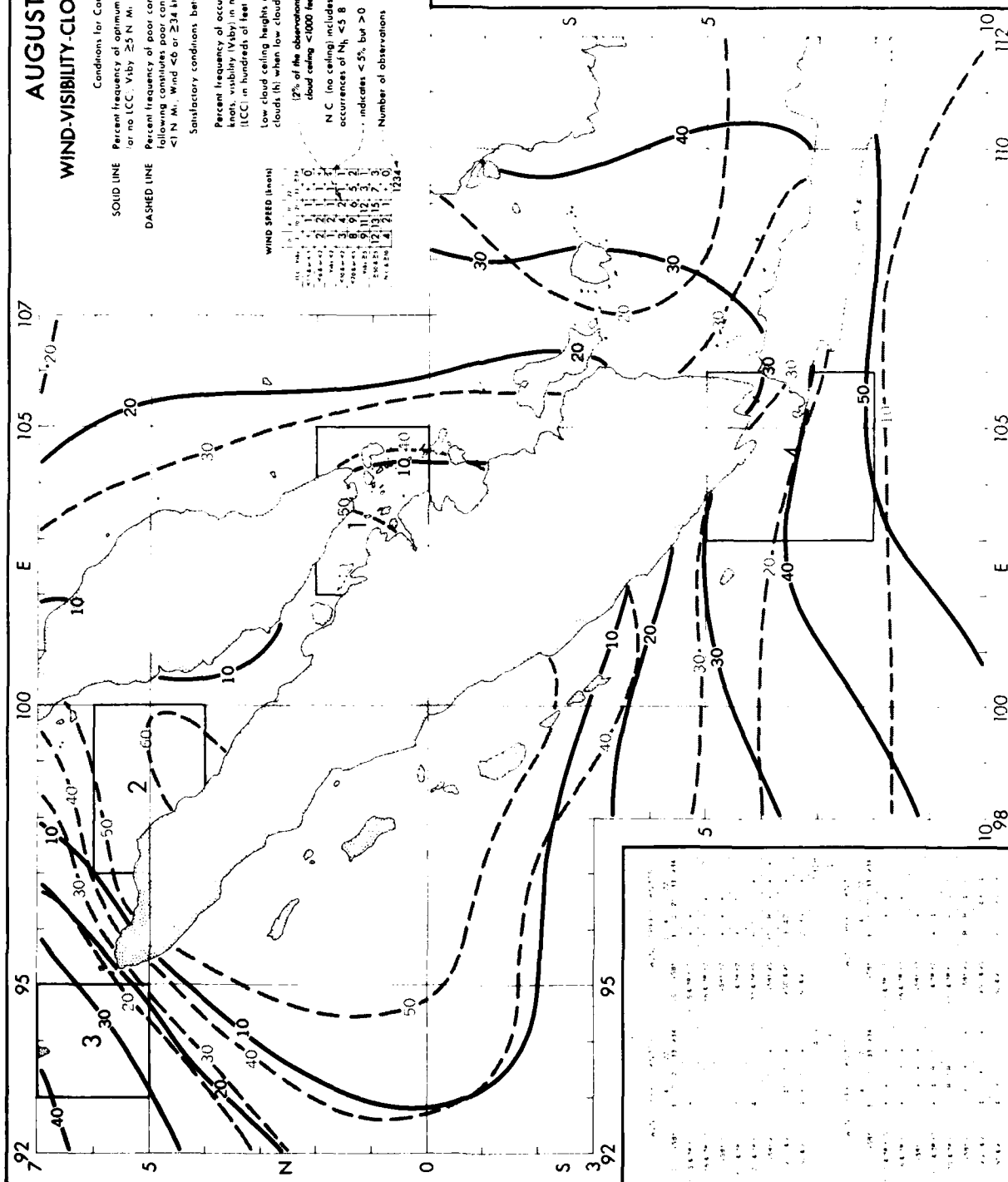
Percent frequency of occurrence of specified wind speed in knots, visibility (Vby) in nautical miles, and low cloud ceiling (LCC) in hundreds of feet

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (h) when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is  $\geq 5$

12% of the observations reported wind speeds of 11 kt, a low cloud ceiling  $< 1000$  feet and or visibility  $< 2$  nautical miles  
 N.C. (no ceiling) includes bases of clouds  $\geq 8000$  feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub>  $< 5$

Indices  $< 5\%$  but  $> 0$   
 Number of observations

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# AUGUST SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale): Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale): Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

14% of all winds were from the N

indicates < 5% but > 0

17% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots

The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots

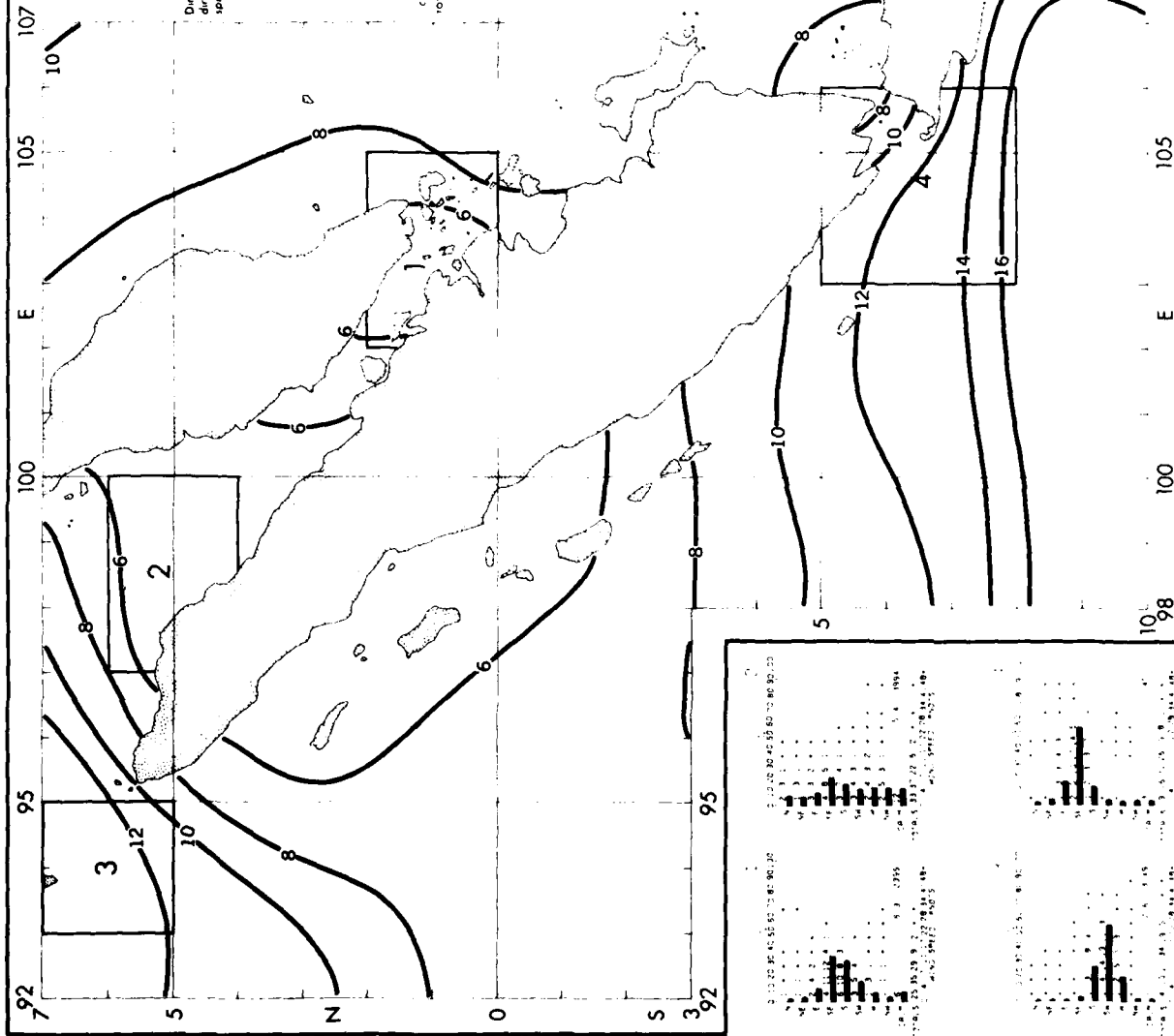
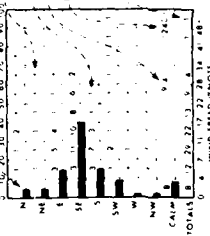
Number of observations

17% of winds from all directions had wind speed  $\geq 48$  knots

WIND SPEED INTERVAL KNOTS

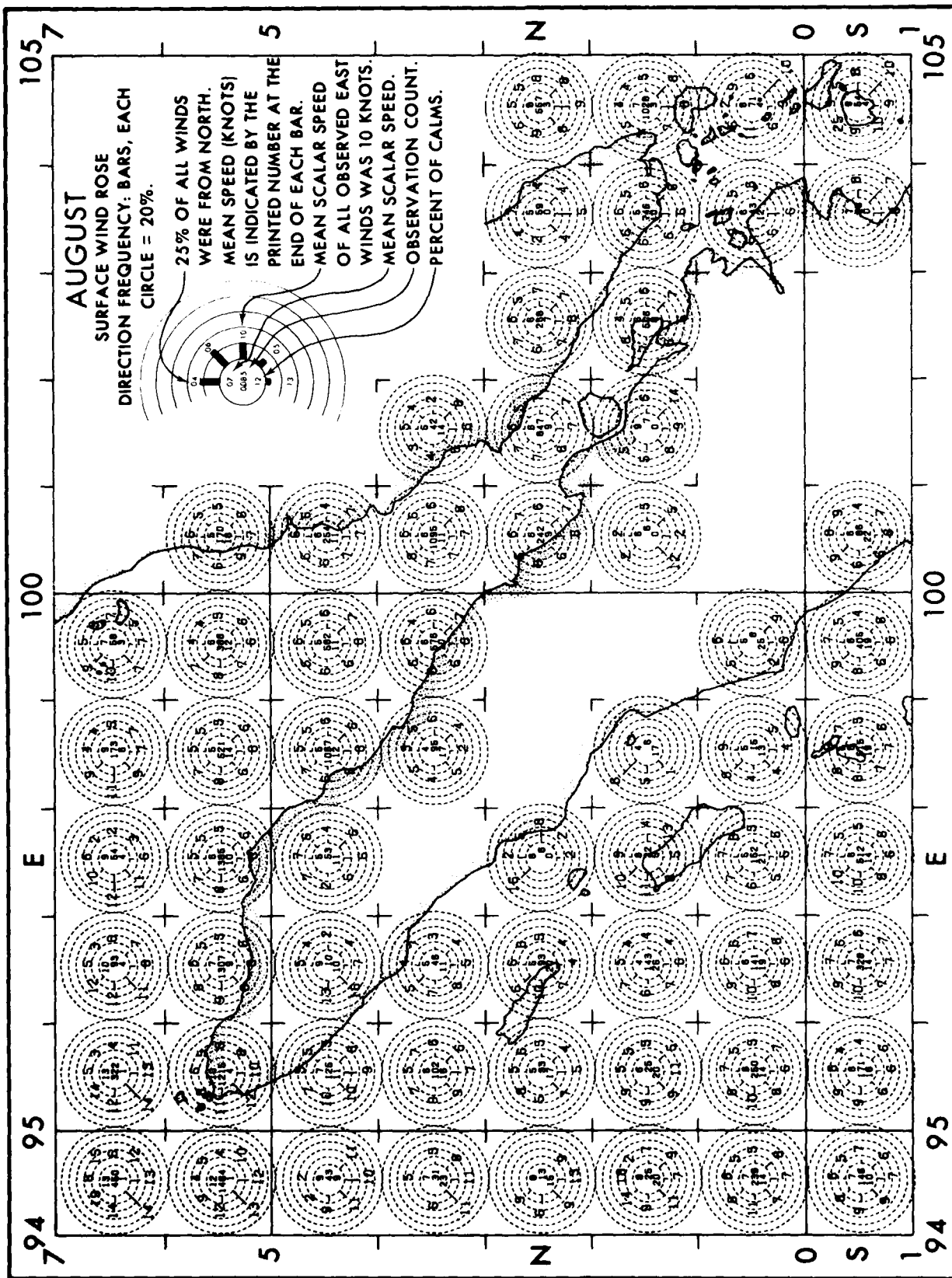
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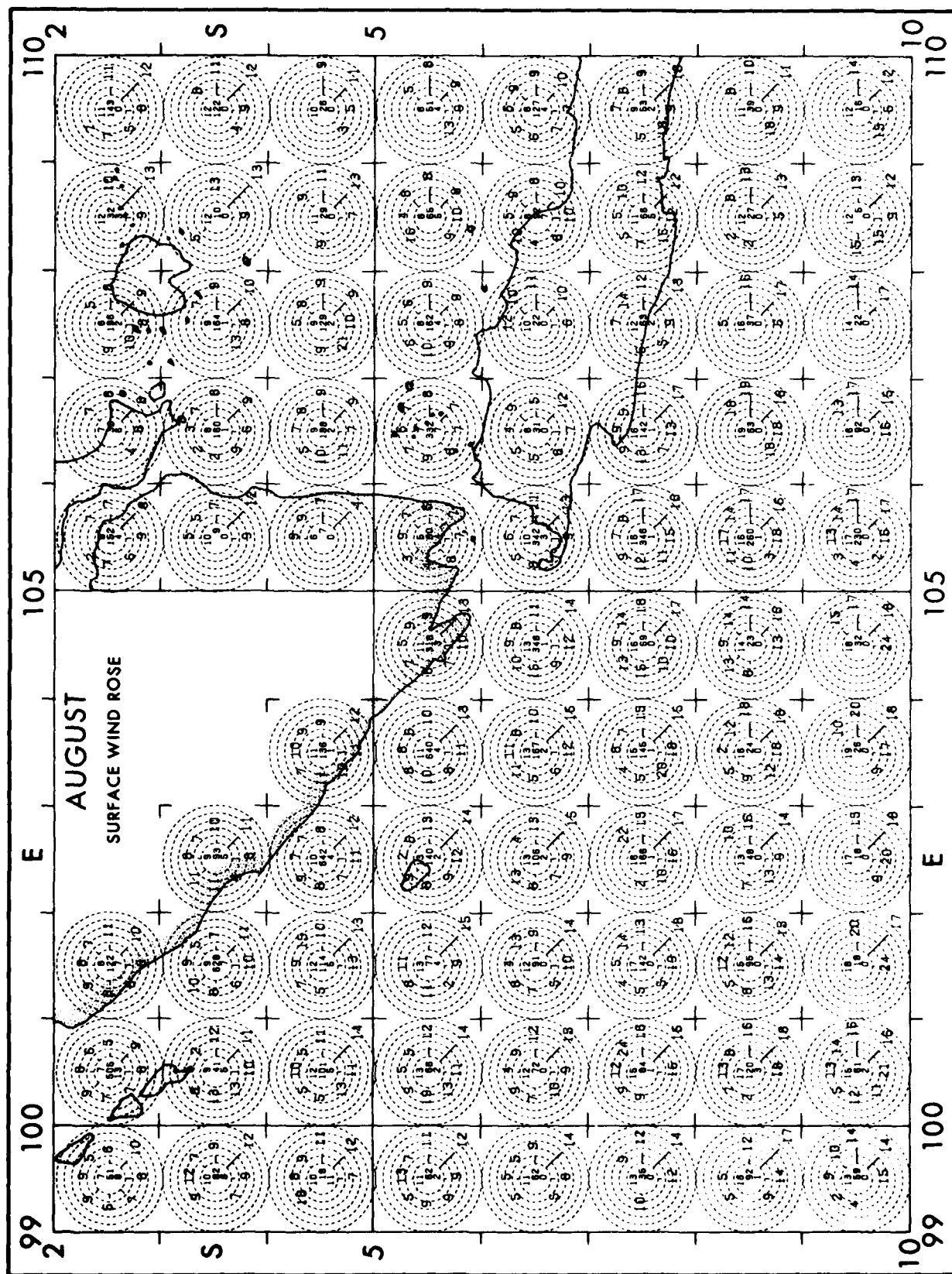
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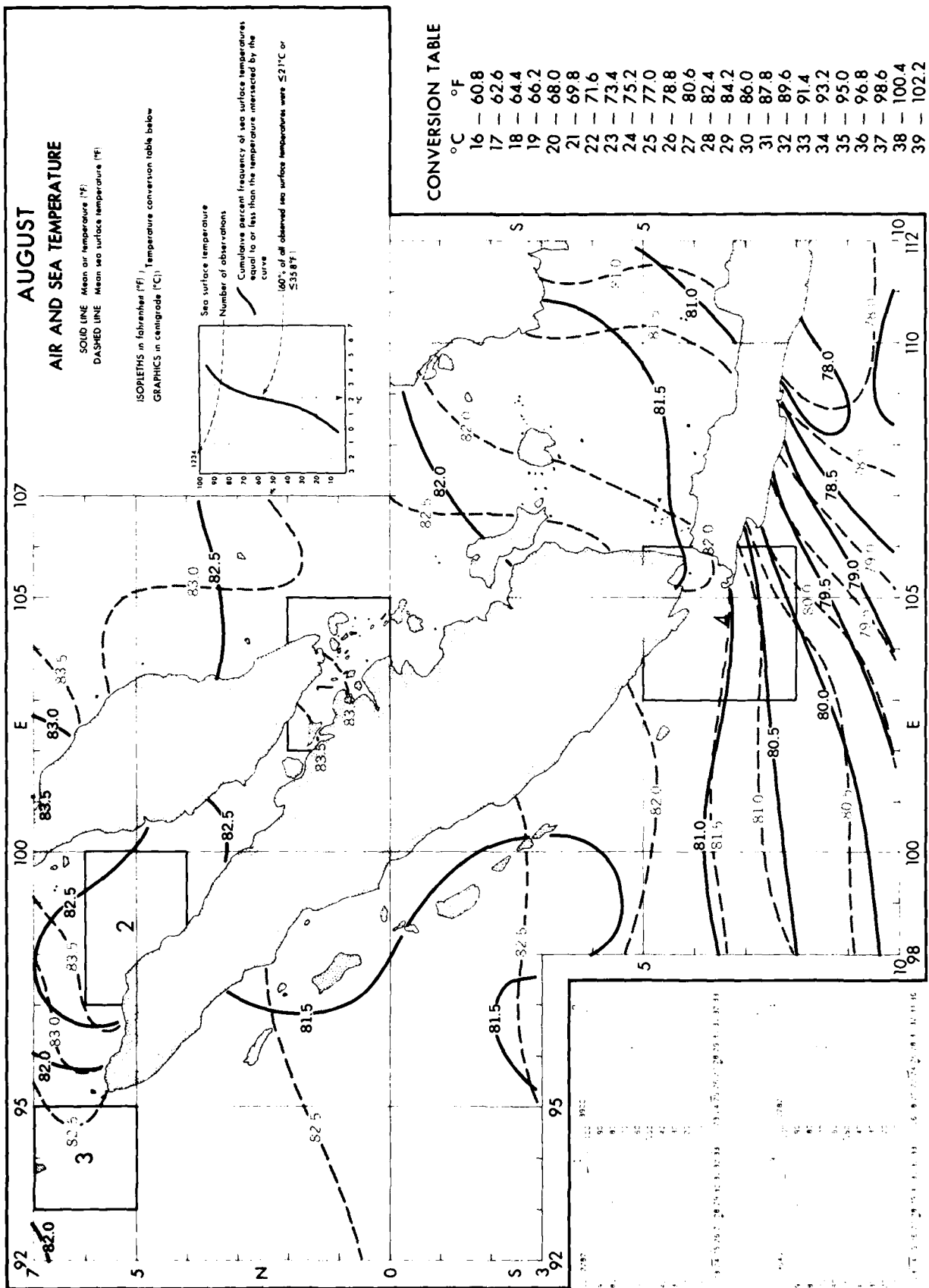


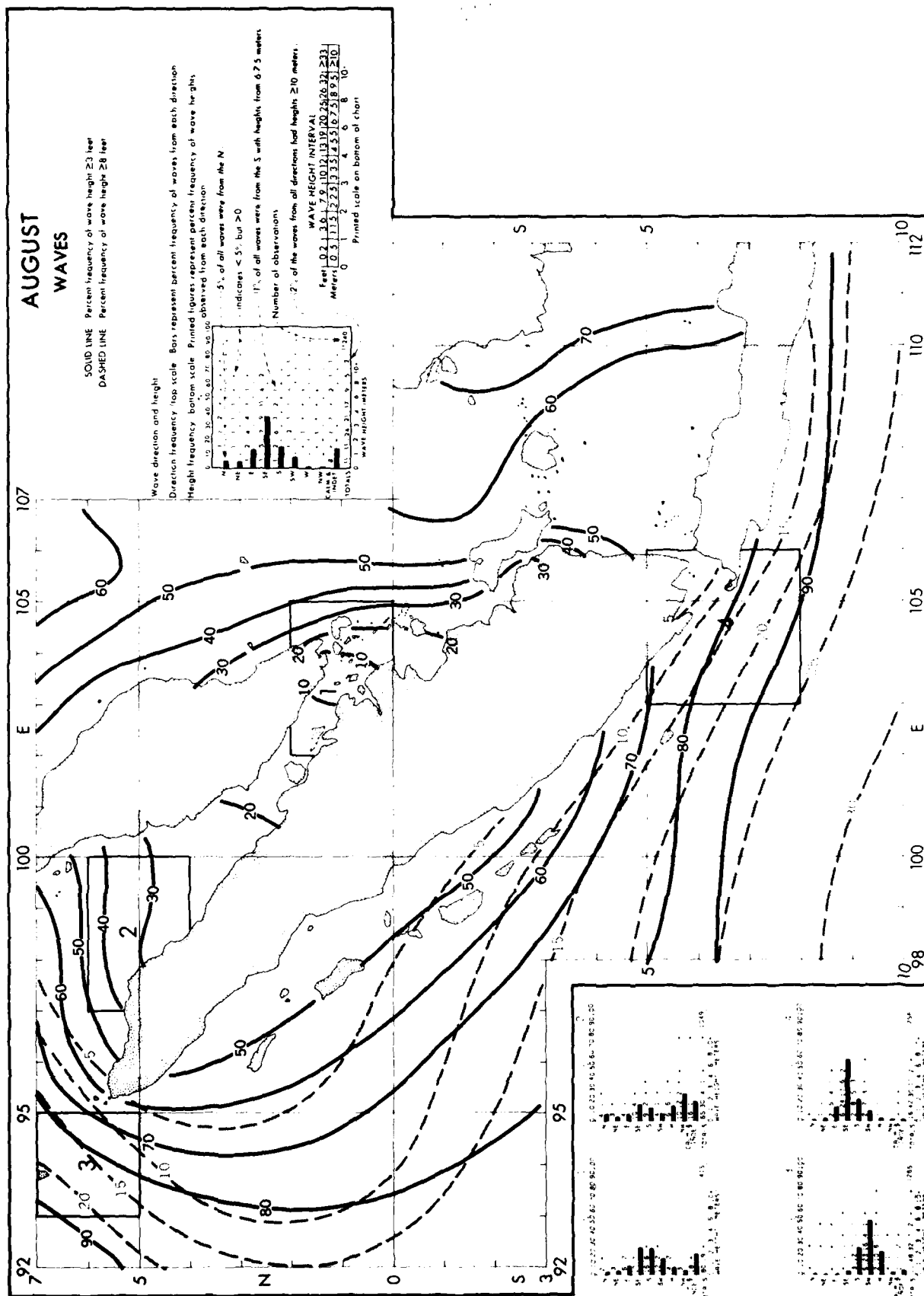


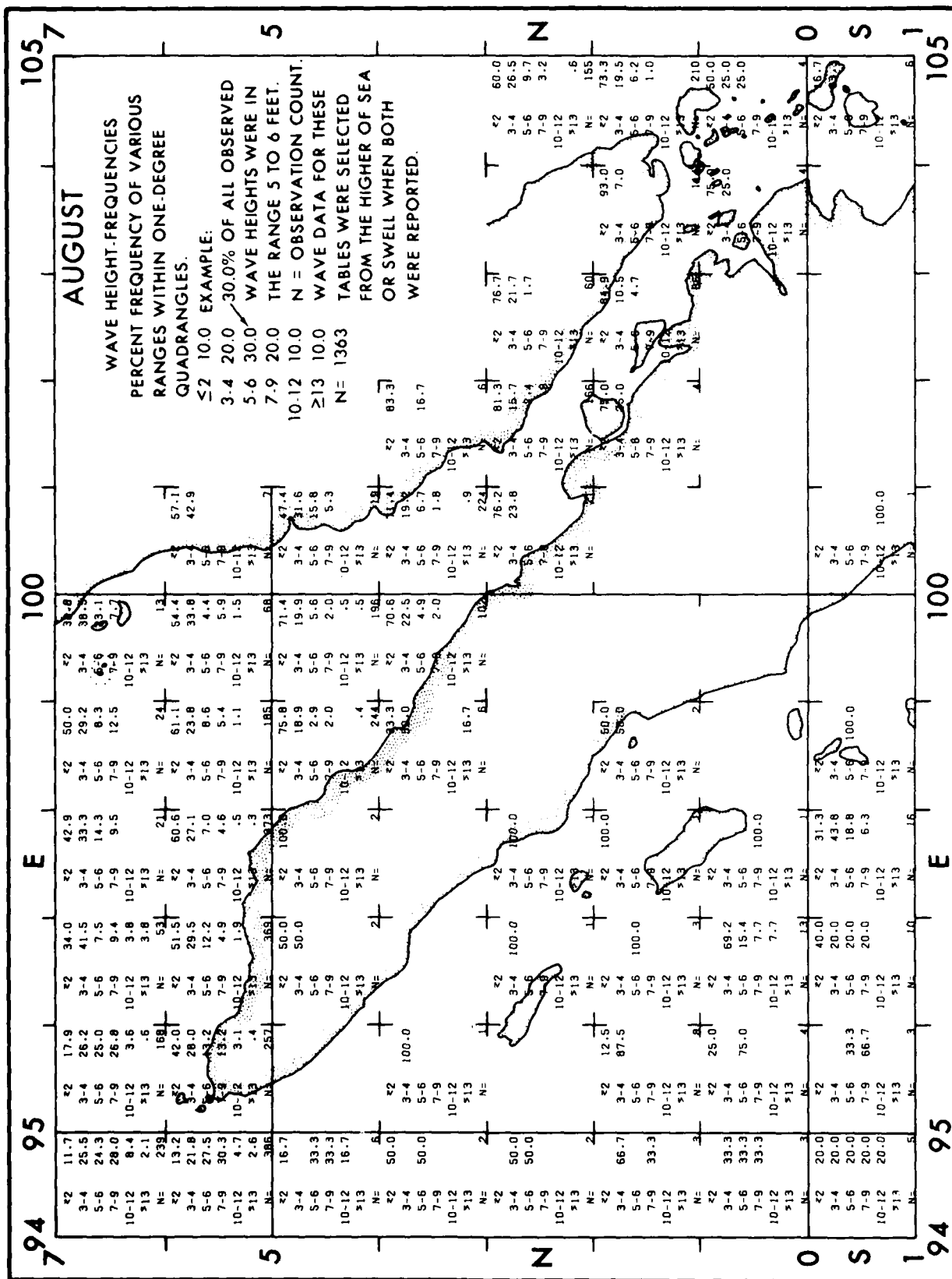


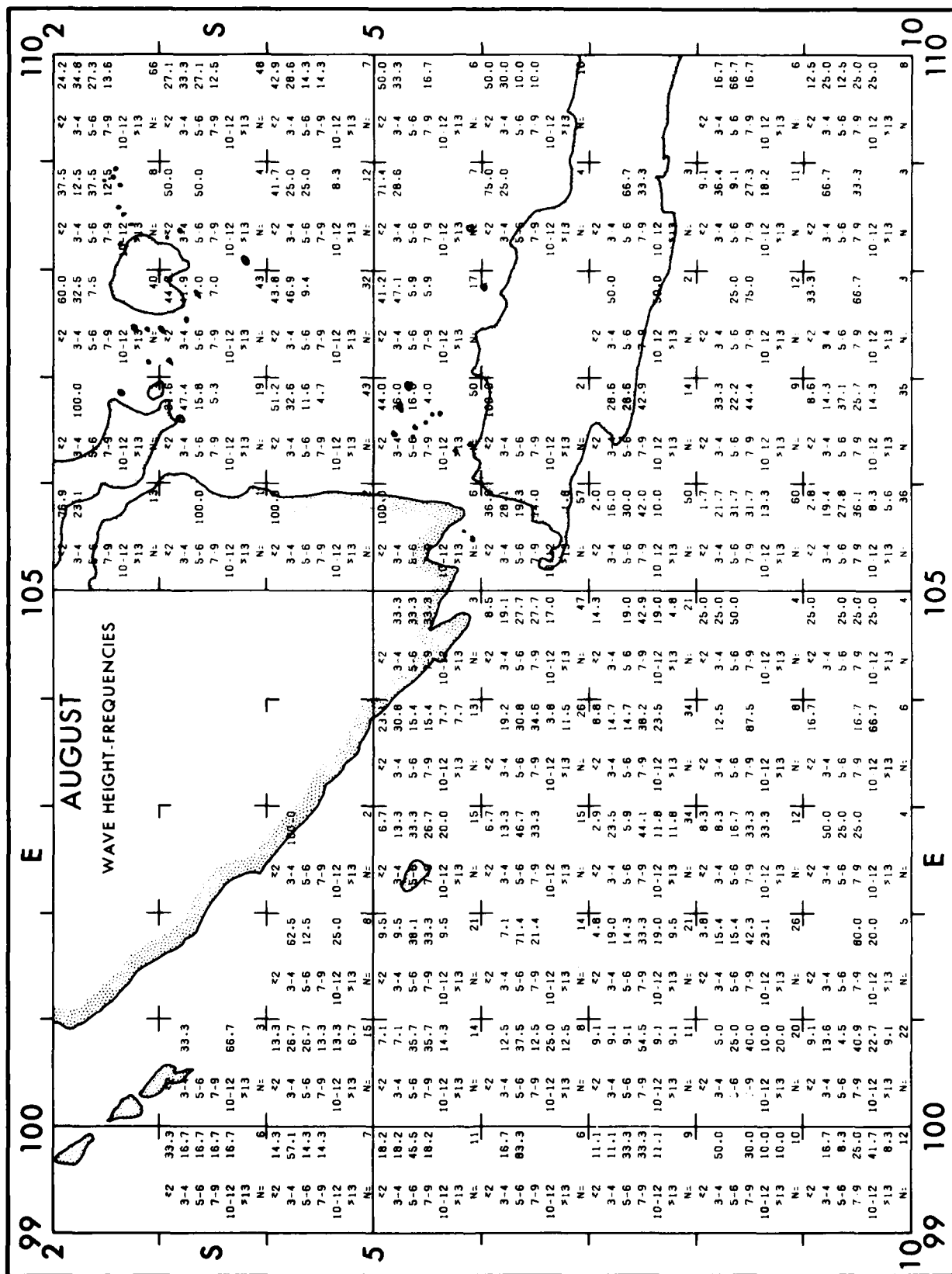












# SEPTEMBER CLOUD COVER

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\leq 7.8$   
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\leq 7.8$

Cumulative percent frequency of indicated cloud amount equal to or less than the amount intersected by the curve  
Number of observations

Observations

17% of all total cloud amounts were  $\leq 7.8$

46% of all low cloud amounts were  $\leq 7.8$

Low cloud amount Percent frequency of observations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 7.8$  and  $\geq 7.8$

Low clouds are clouds with bases  $< 8000$  feet

$\geq 5.8$  and 14% by low cloud amount  $\geq 7.8$

An asterisk indicates that the percentage is based on 1030 observations of wind direction, total and low cloud amount. 0 replaces bar graph when no low cloud amount  $\geq 5.8$  are observed with observations of total and low cloud amount from a wind direction or calm is less than 10

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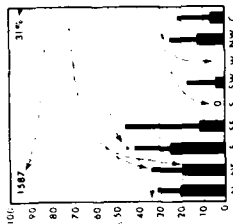
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# SEPTEMBER PRECIPITATION

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting precipitation  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting thunderstorms and/or lightning

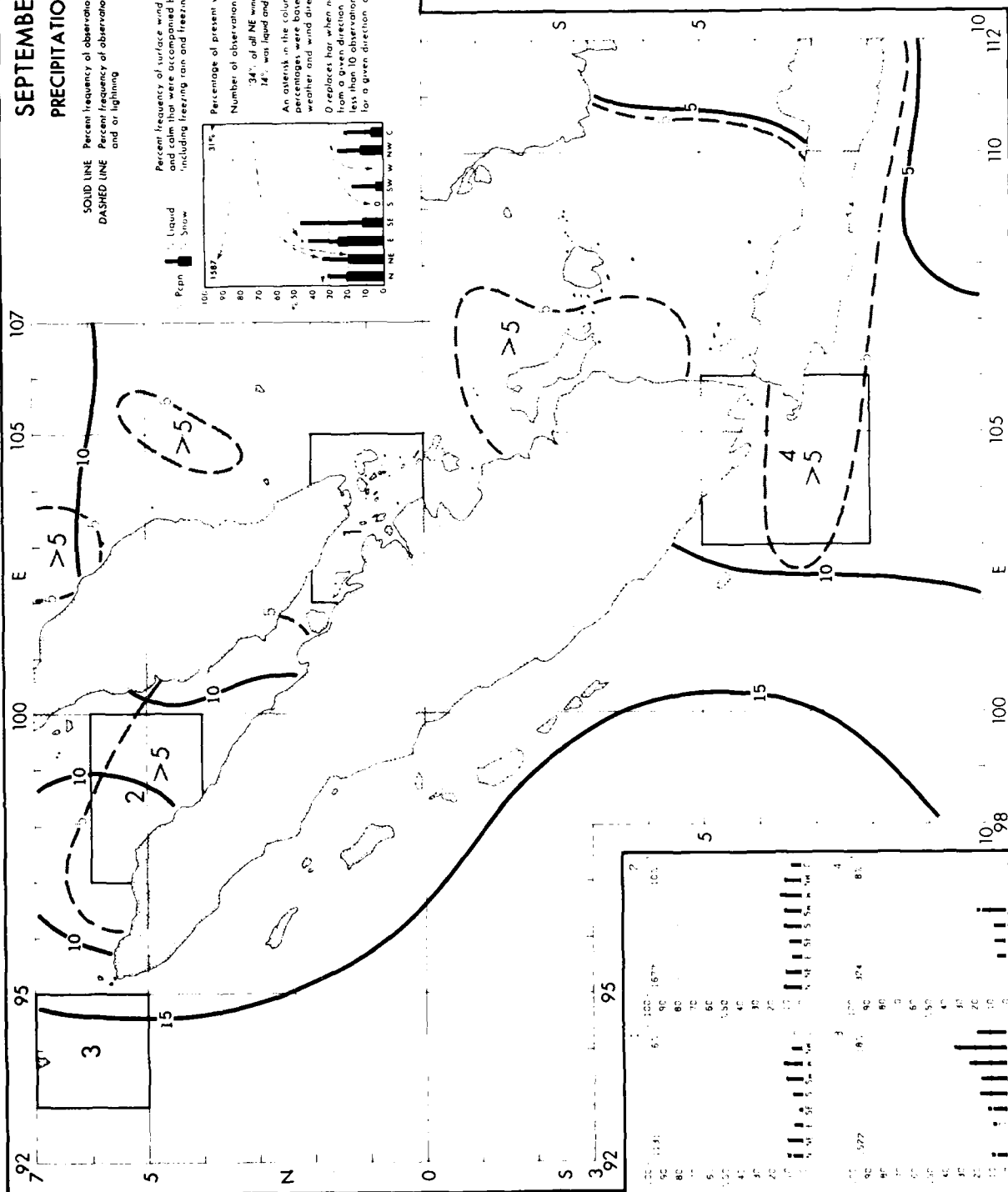
Percent frequency of surface wind observations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by precipitation, subdivided into liquid type including freezing rain and freezing drizzle and snow



Number of observations  
34% of all NE winds were accompanied by precipitation, of which 14% was liquid and 20% was snow

An asterisk in the column for a given direction or calm indicates precipitation was reported on 10 or more observations of present weather and wind direction

0 replaces bar when no precipitation was observed with winds from a given direction or calm. No bar graph is presented if less than 10 observations containing present weather are reported for a given direction or calm







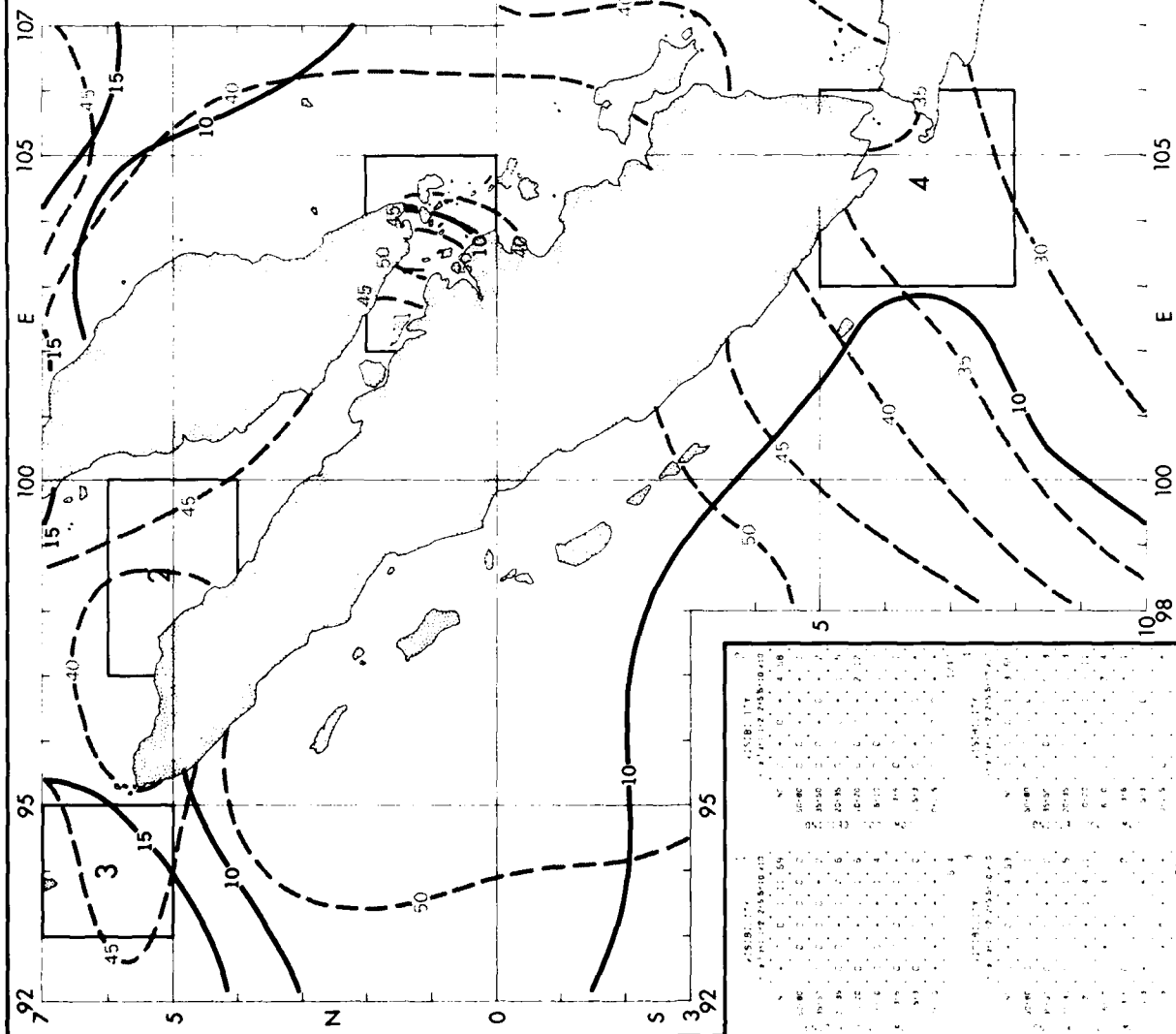


# SEPTEMBER CEILING-VISIBILITY

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

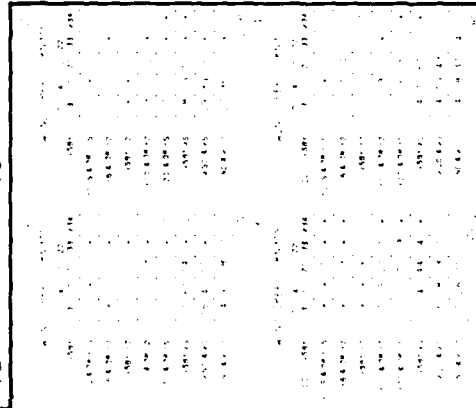
Low cloud ceiling Visibility  
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings (hundreds of feet) and visibilities (nautical miles). Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (h) when low cloud amount (N<sub>h</sub>) is ≥ 8. Observations are included under ceiling 0 < 15. 'N C' (no ceiling) includes bases of cloud ≥ 8000 feet as well as occurrences of N<sub>h</sub> < 8. 12% of all observations reported ceiling ≥ 1000 but < 2000 feet simultaneously with visibility ≥ 5 but < 10 nautical miles. indicates < 5%, but > 0. Number of observations

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792

WIND SPEED (knots)



# SEPTEMBER SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knot)

Direction frequency (loop scale). Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale). Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

4% of all winds were from the N.

1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots.

The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots.

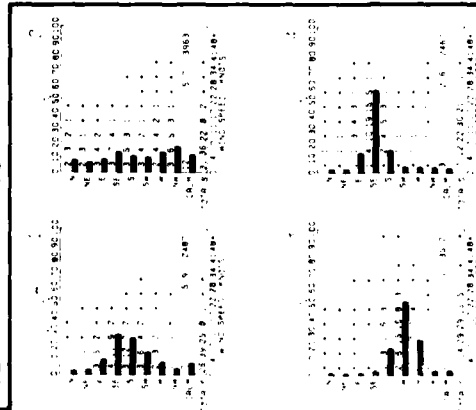
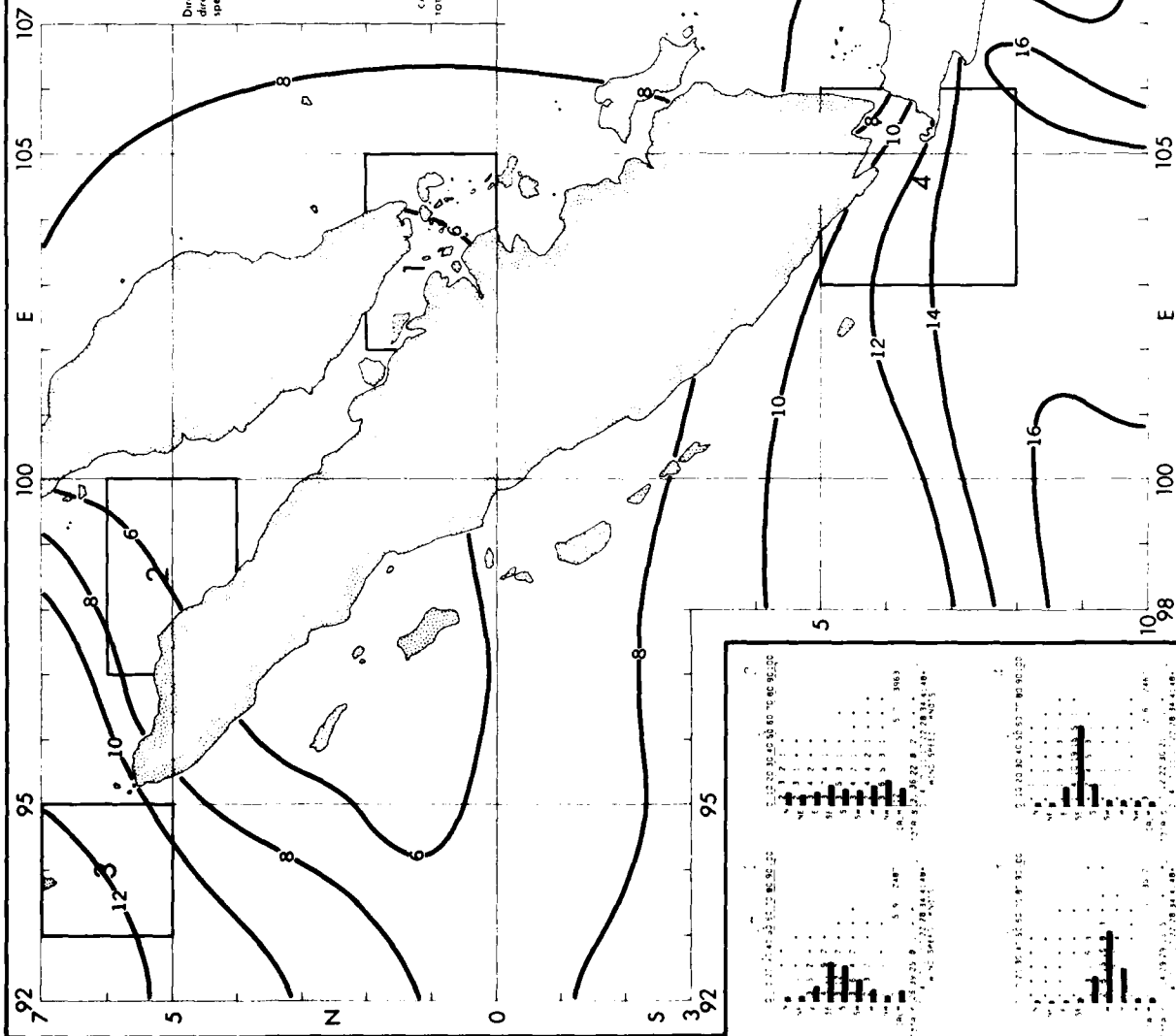
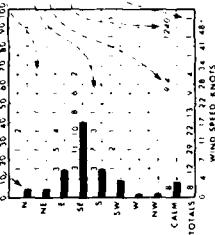
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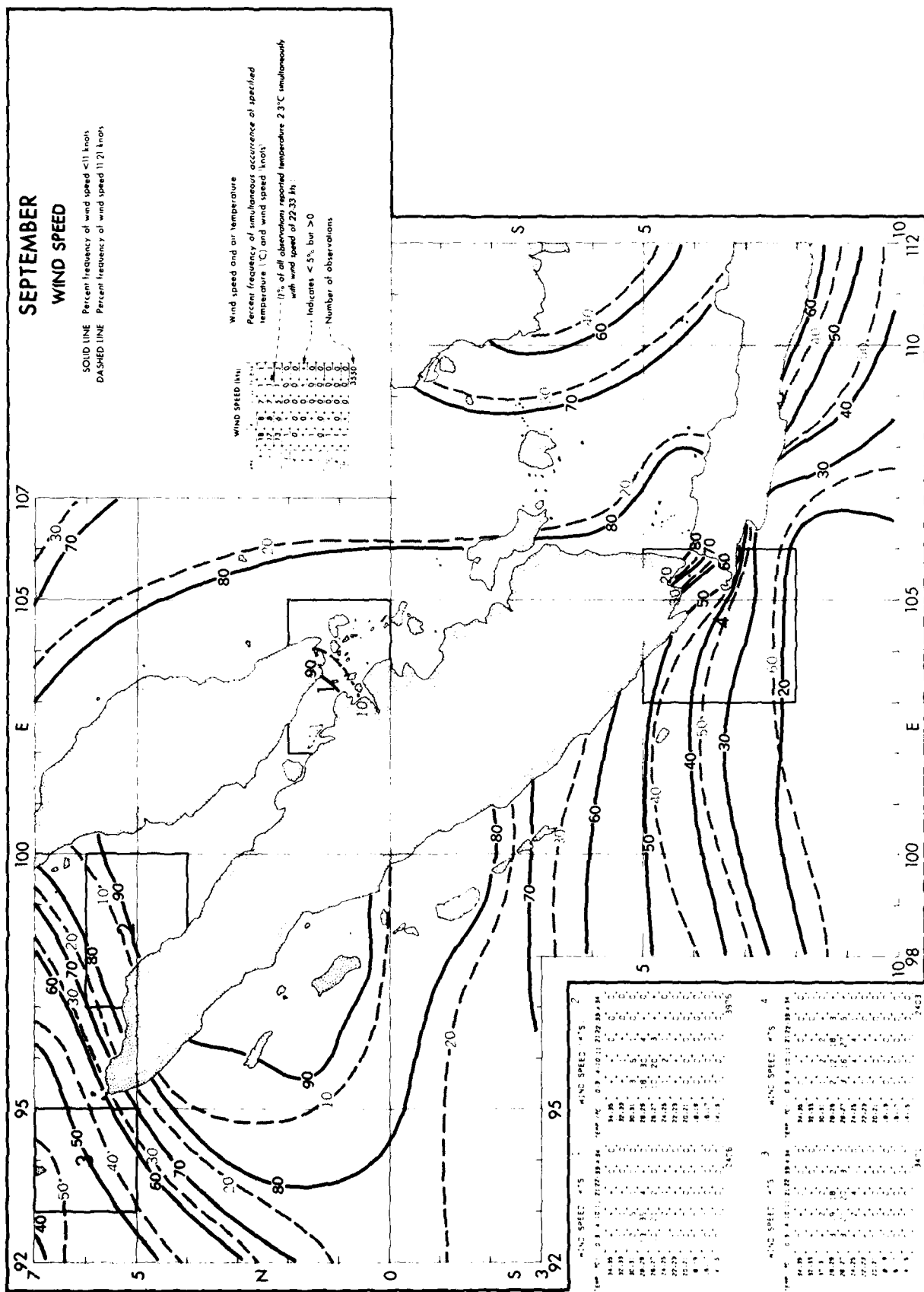
1% of winds from all directions had wind speed  $\geq 48$  knots.

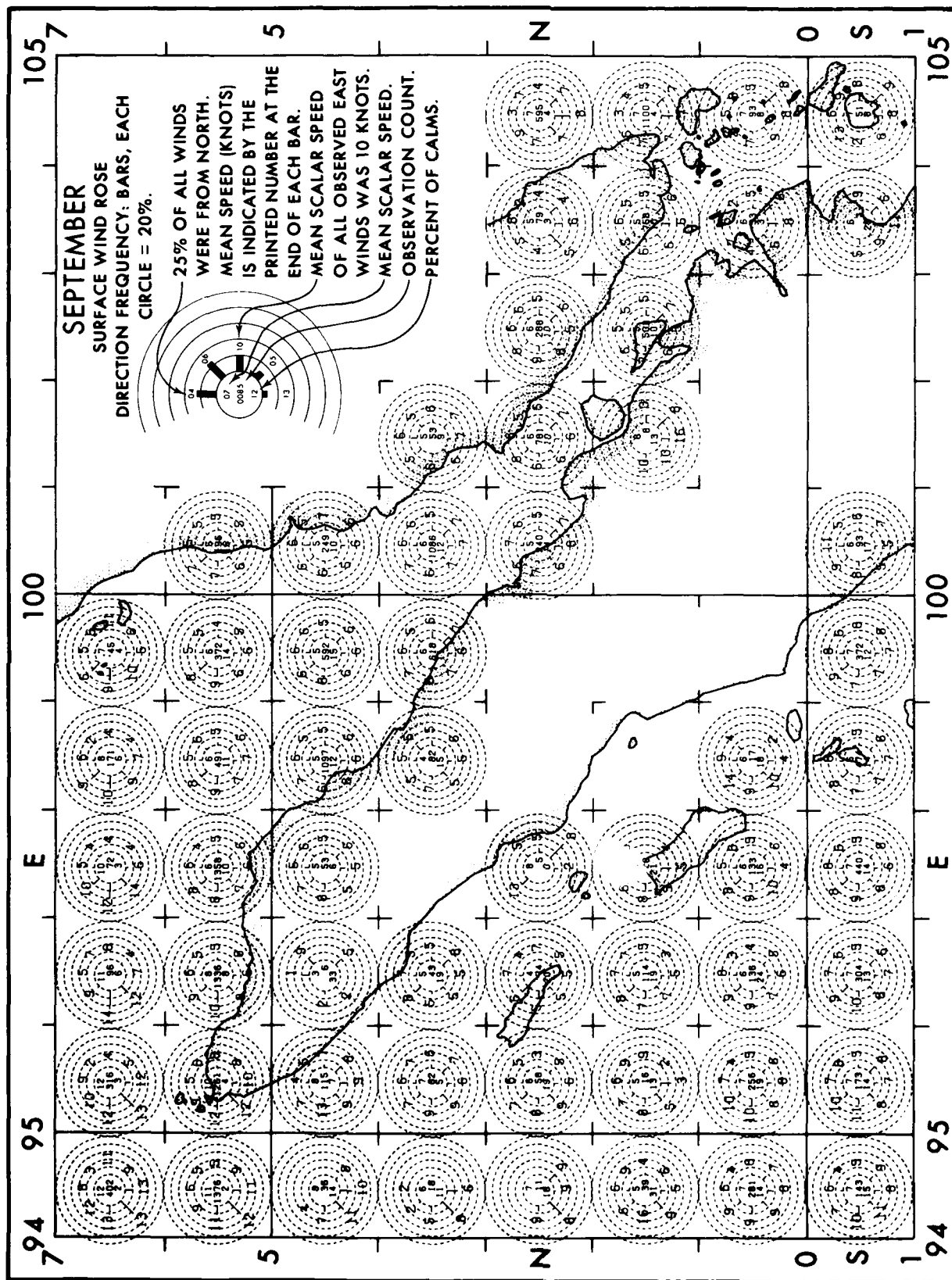
WIND SPEED INTERVAL (KNOTS)

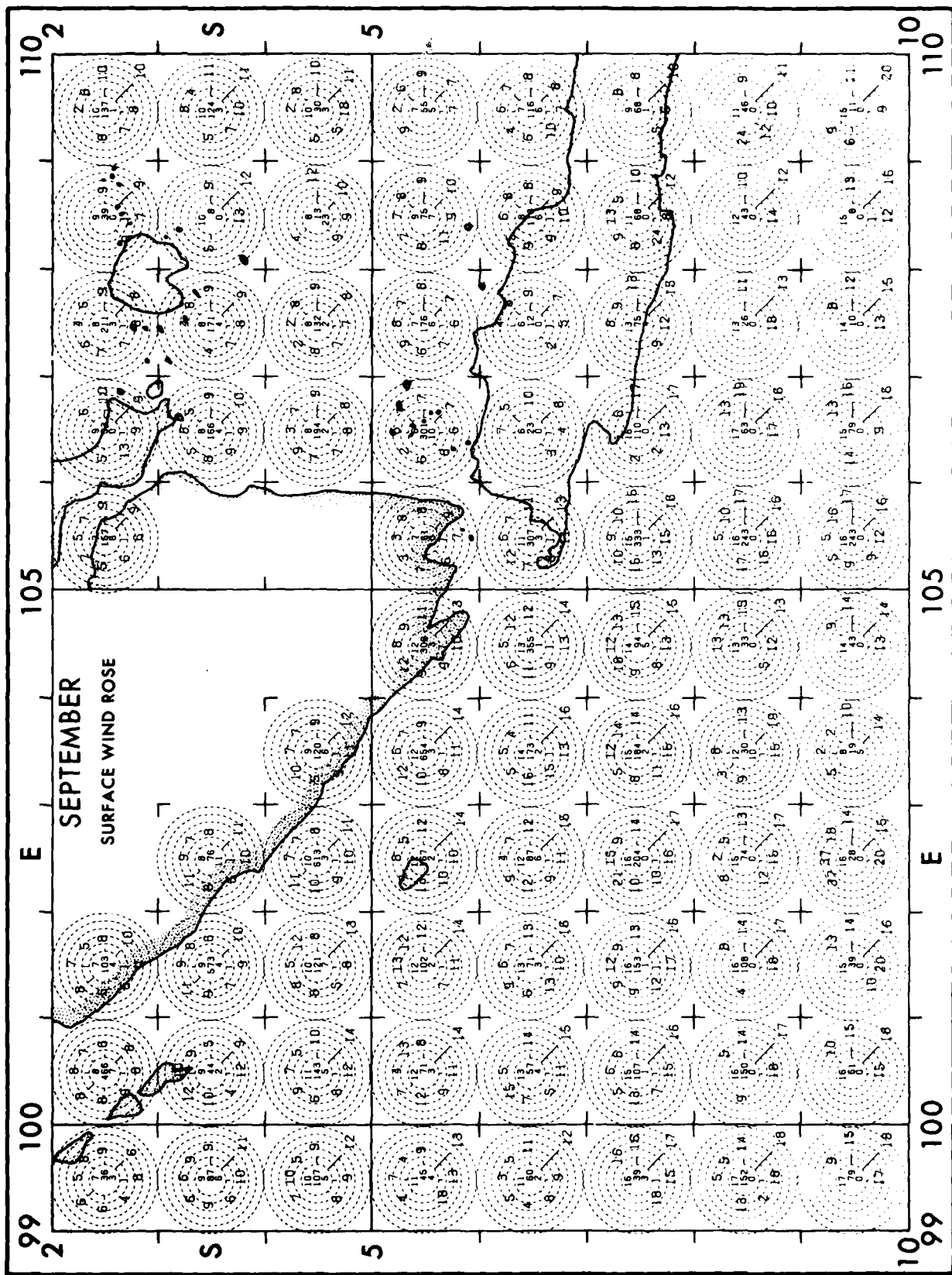
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Printed scale on bottom of chart









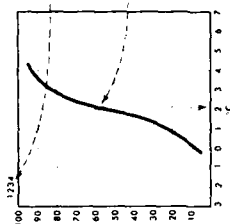


# SEPTEMBER

## AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

SOLID LINE Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

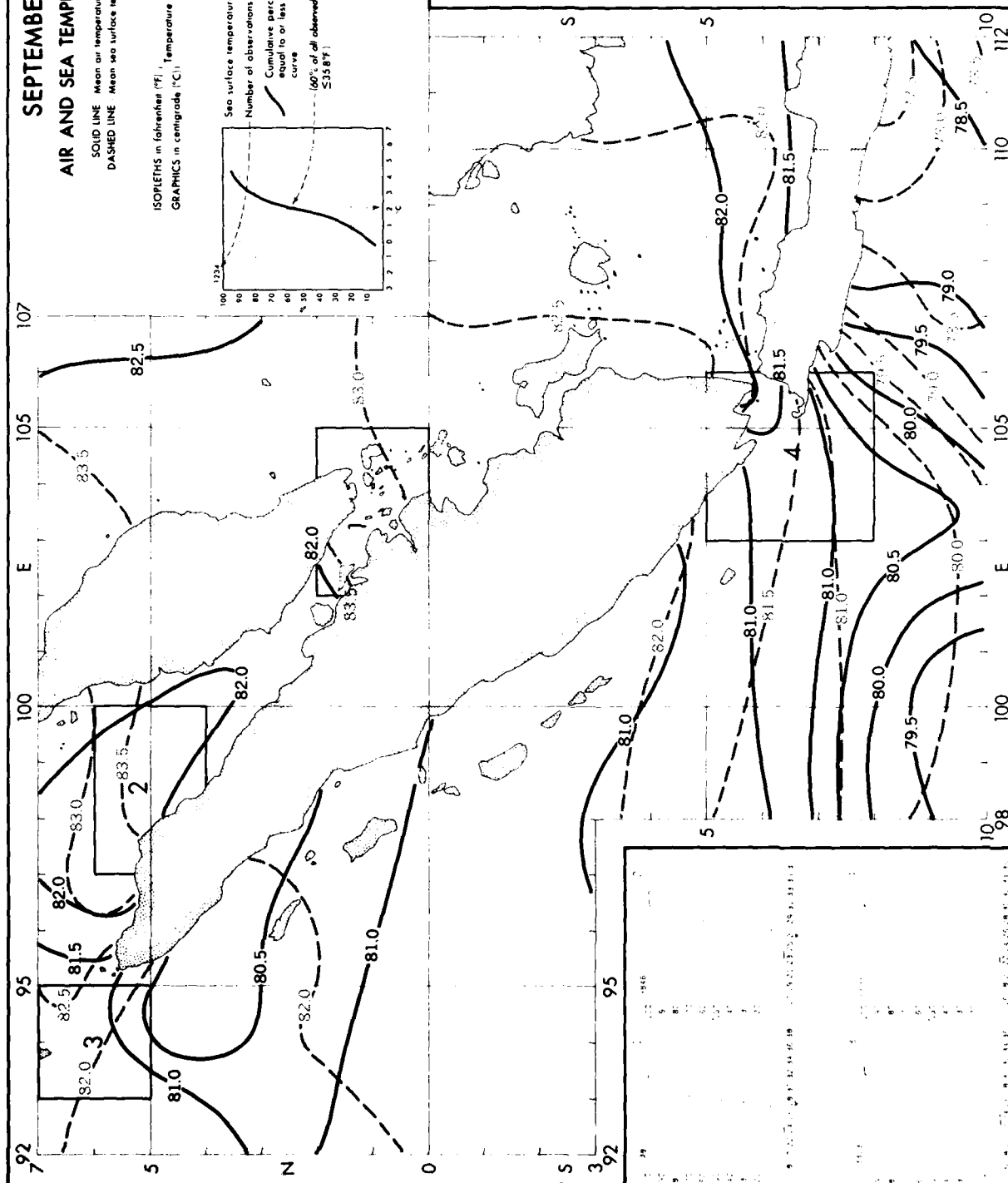
ISOPLETHS in Fahrenheit (°F).  
TEMPERATURE CONVERSION TABLE BELOW



Cumulative percent frequency of sea surface temperatures equal to or less than the temperature intersected by the curve  
(60% of all observed sea surface temperatures were  $\leq 21^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $\leq 35.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

### CONVERSION TABLE

°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
31	87.8
32	89.6
33	91.4
34	93.2
35	95.0
36	96.8
37	98.6
38	100.4
39	102.2



# SEPTEMBER WAVES

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height ≥ 3 feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height ≥ 8 feet

Wave direction and height

Direction frequency 'top scale': Bars represent percent frequency of waves from each direction  
Height frequency 'bottom scale': Printed figures represent percent frequency of wave heights

Number of observations

15% of all waves were from the N

indicates < 5% but ≥ 0

11% of all waves were from the S with heights from 6.75 meters

Number of observations

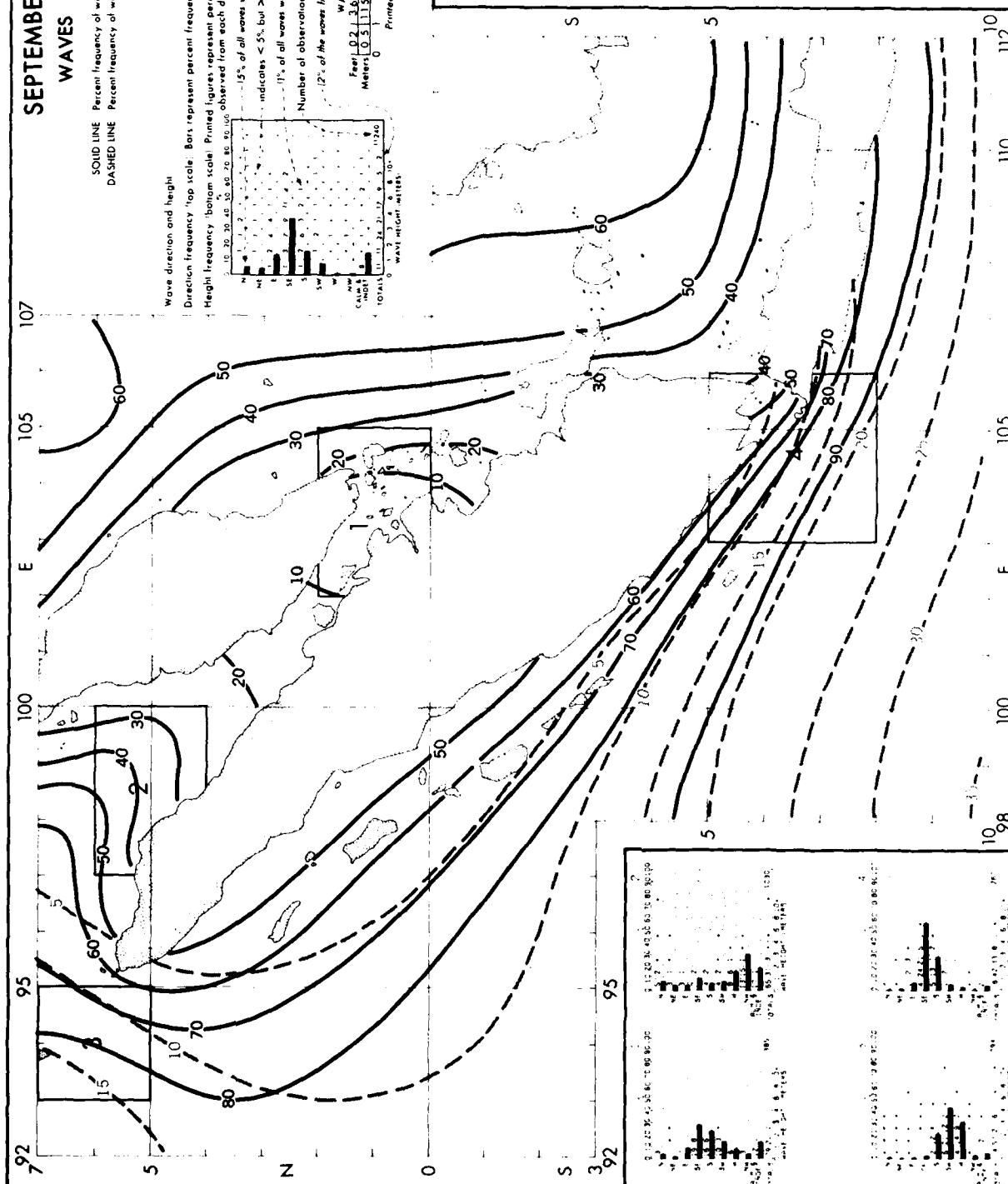
12% of the waves from all directions had heights ≥ 10 meters

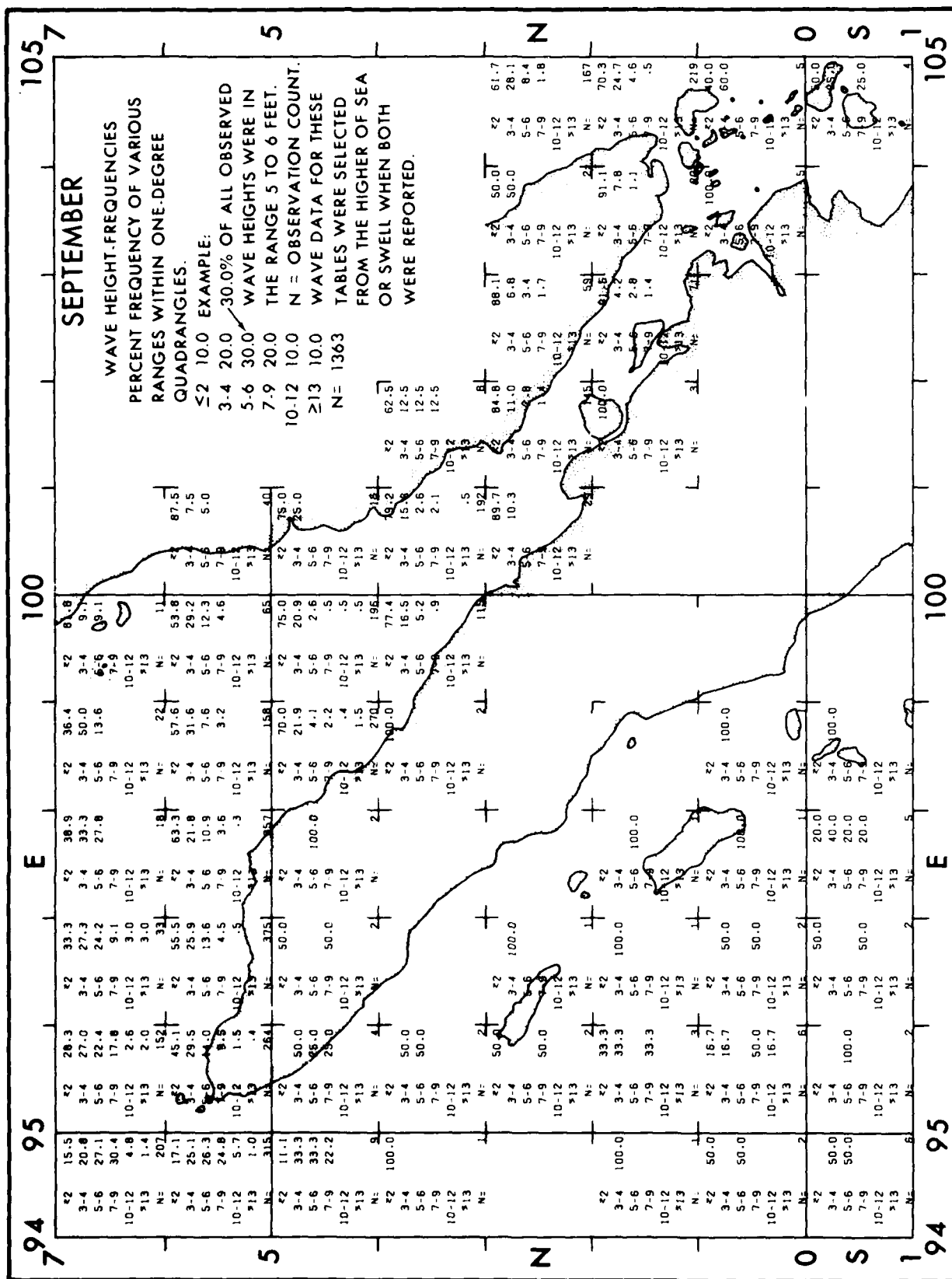
WAVE HEIGHT INTERVAL

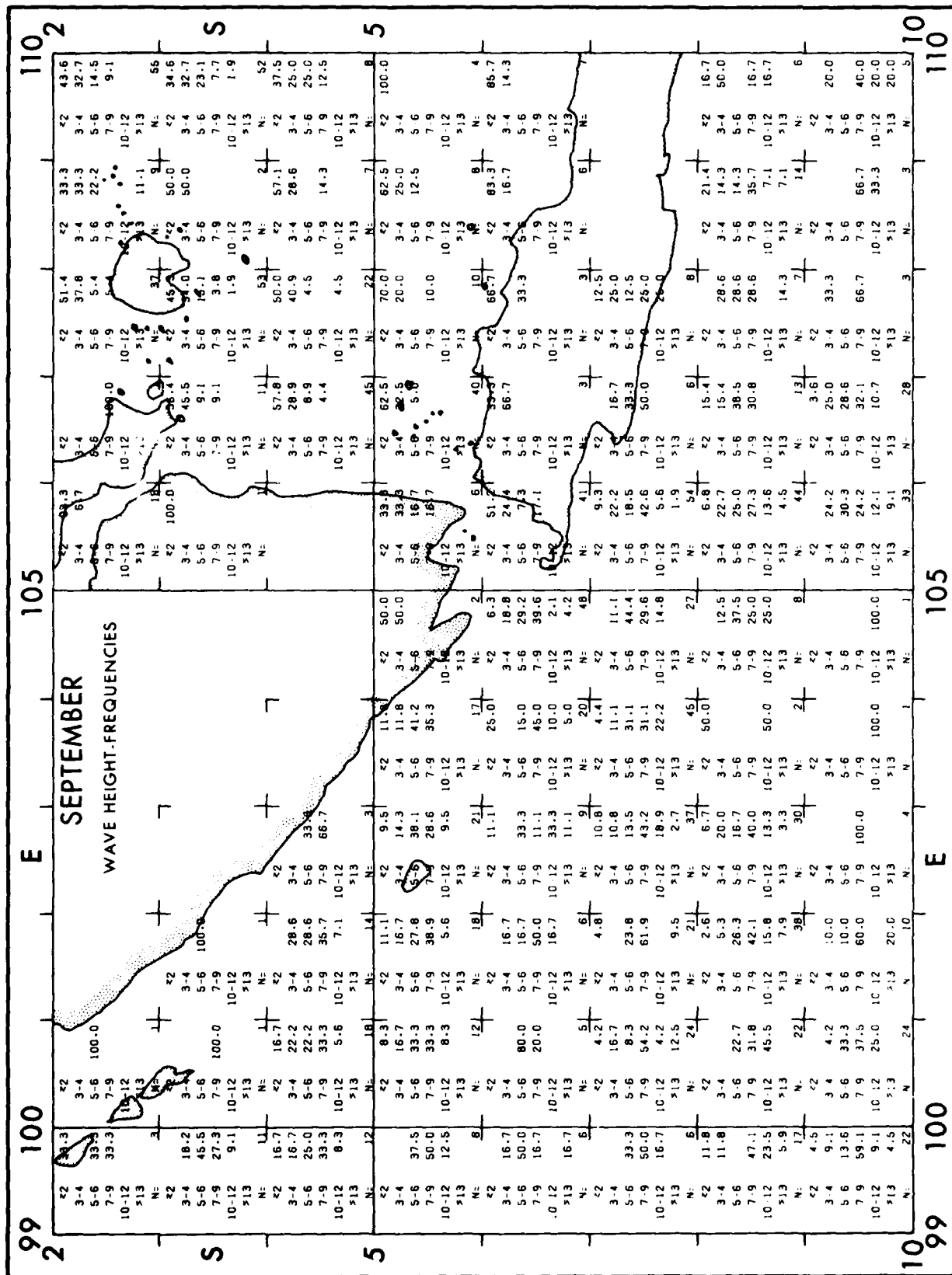
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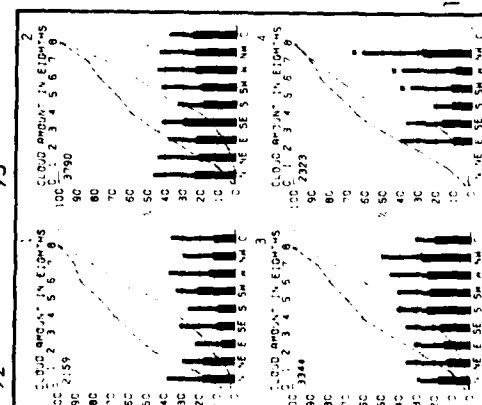
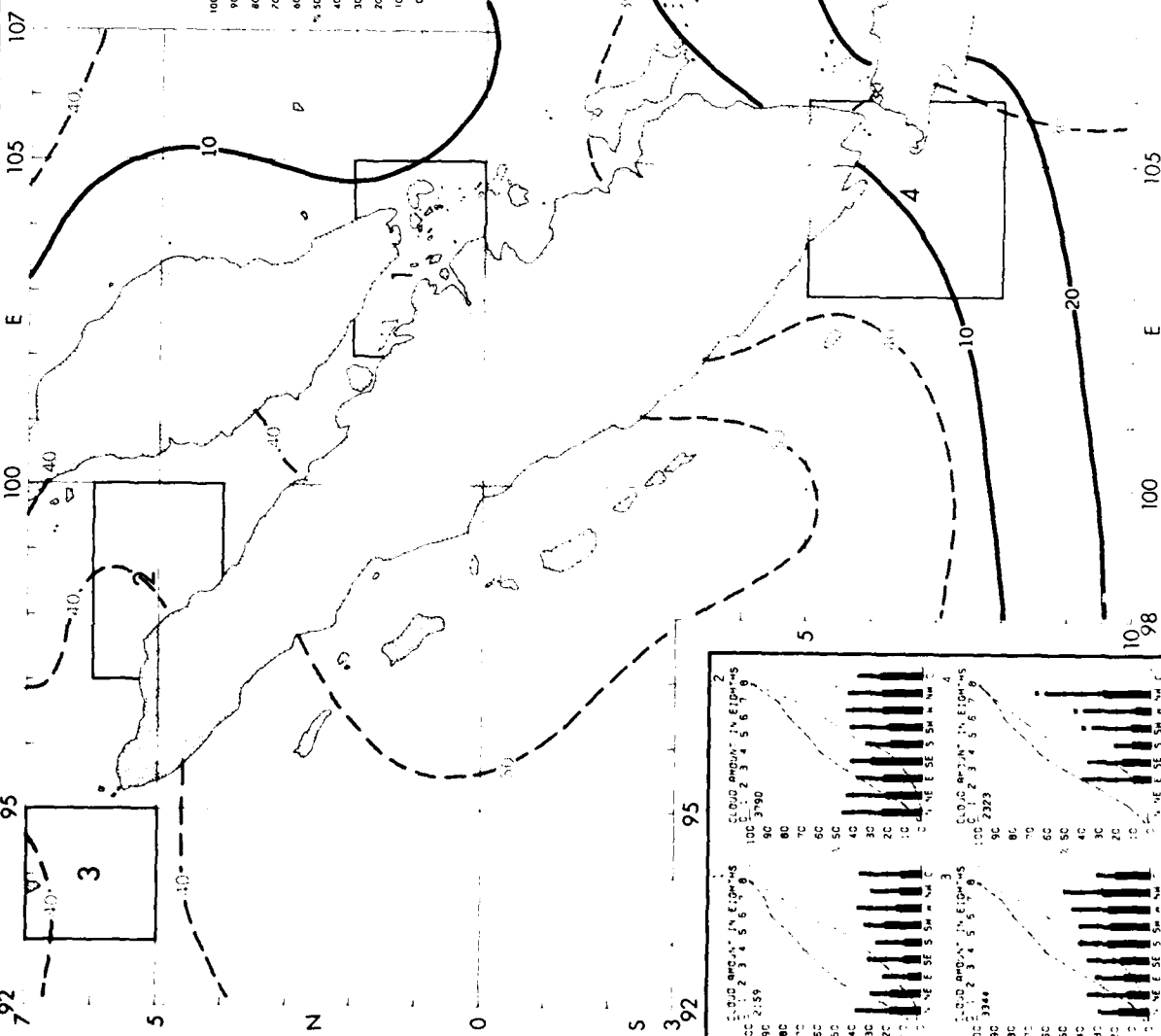
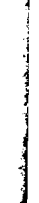
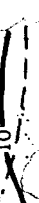
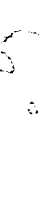
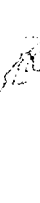
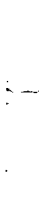
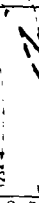
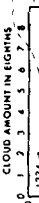
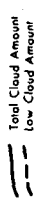
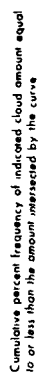
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SOLID LINE    Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\leq 2.8$   
DASHED LINE    Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\geq 5.8$



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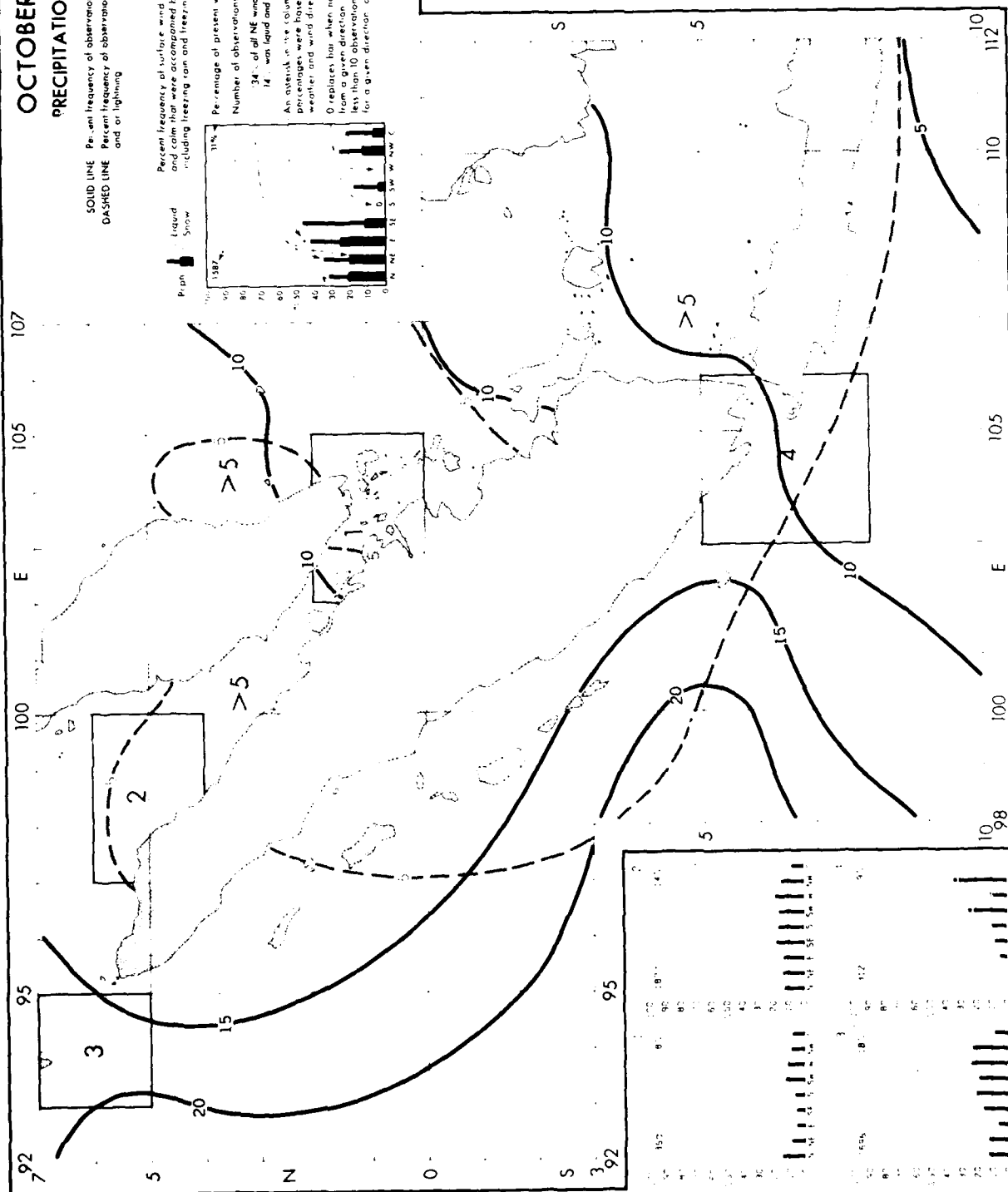
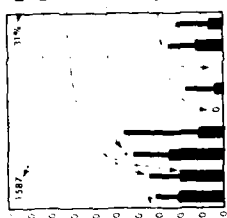
Percentage of present weather observations reporting precipitation

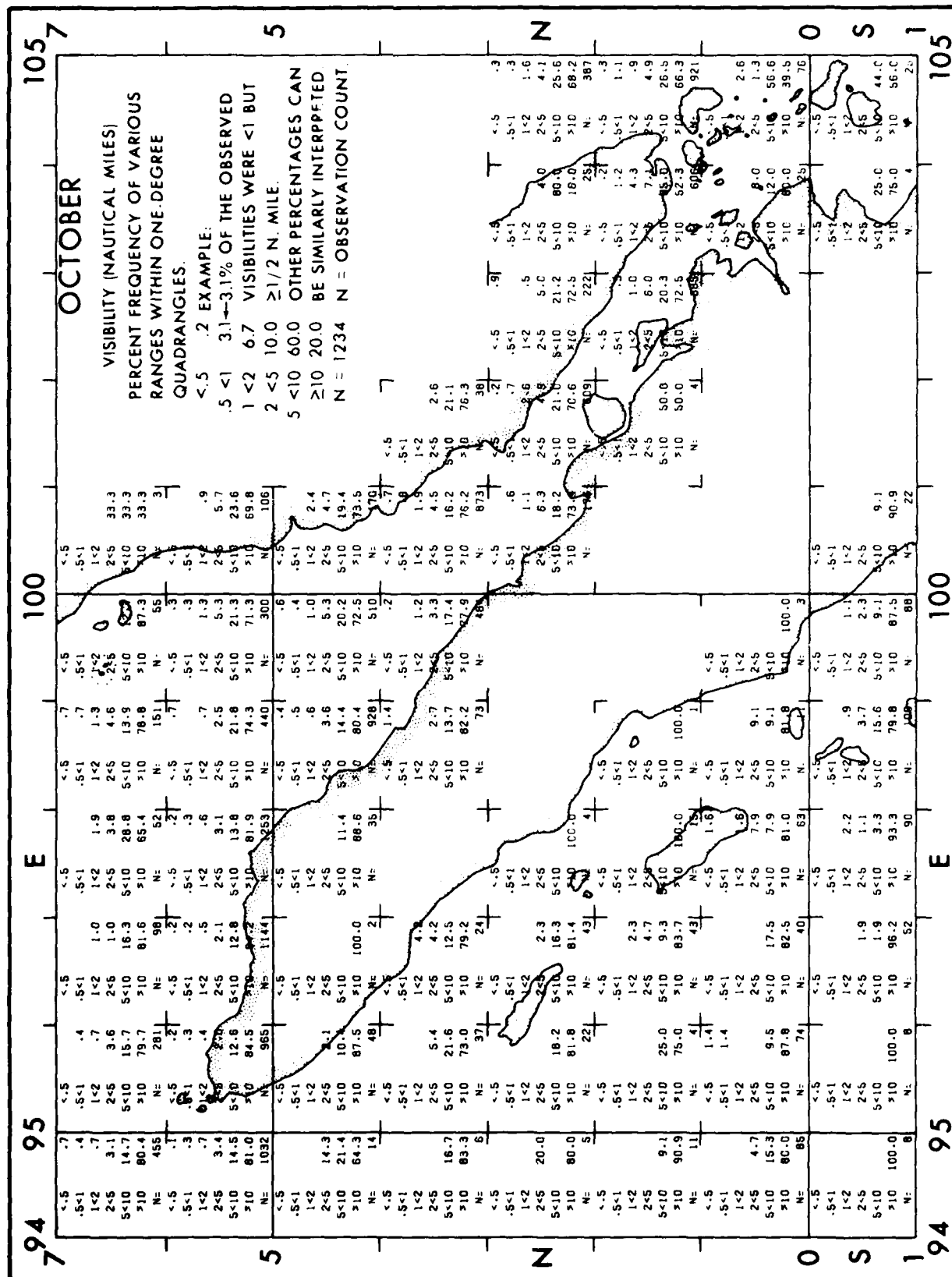
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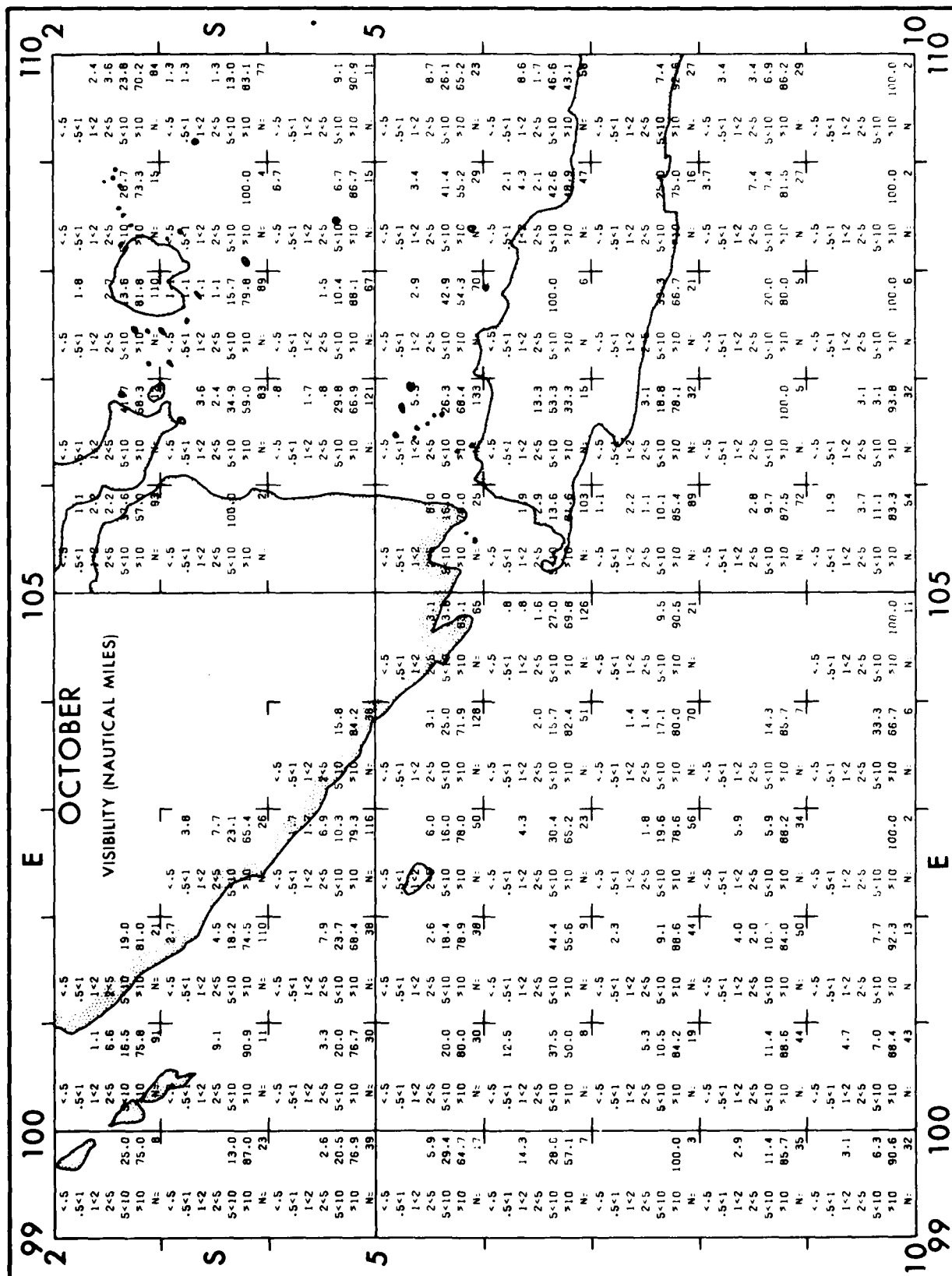
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**SOLID LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles

**DASHED LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

Low cloud ceiling      Visibility

Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings (hundreds of feet) and visibilities (nautical miles):

Low cloud ceiling heights are estimated from the height of low clouds (ft) when low cloud amount (N%) is  $\geq 8$

Observations are included under ceiling 0 < 15

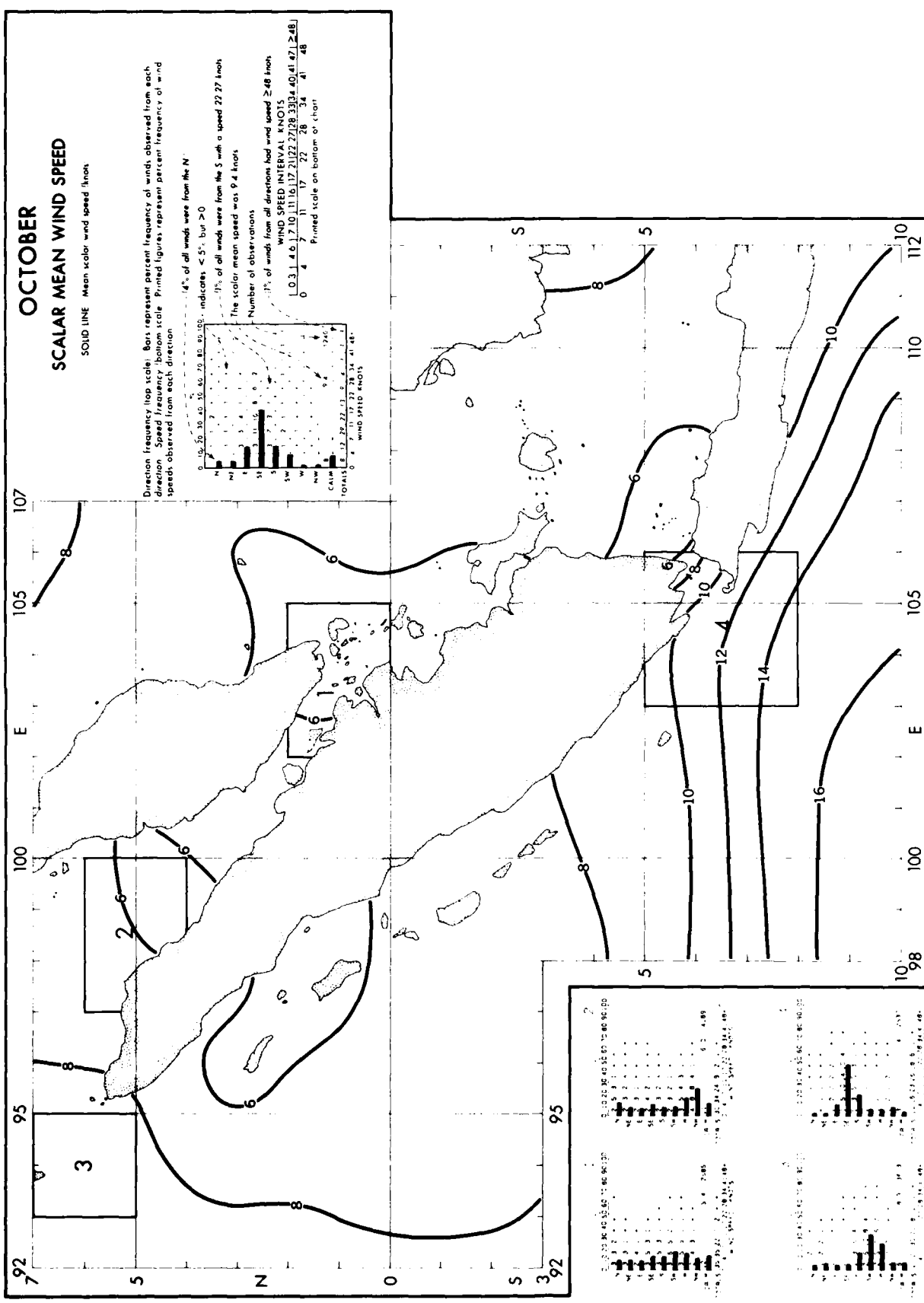
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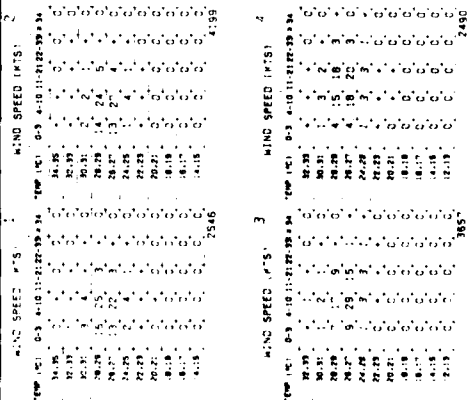
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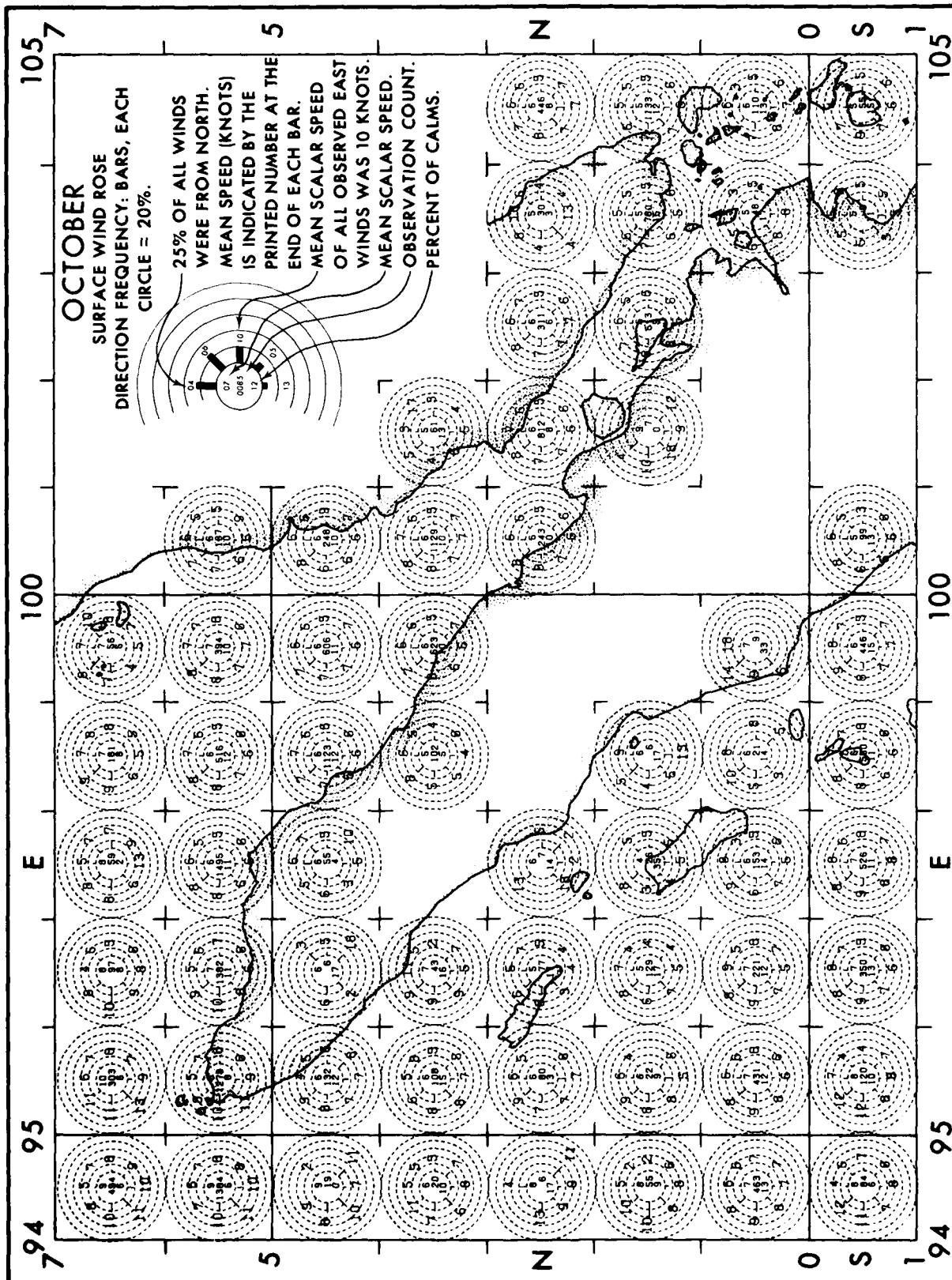


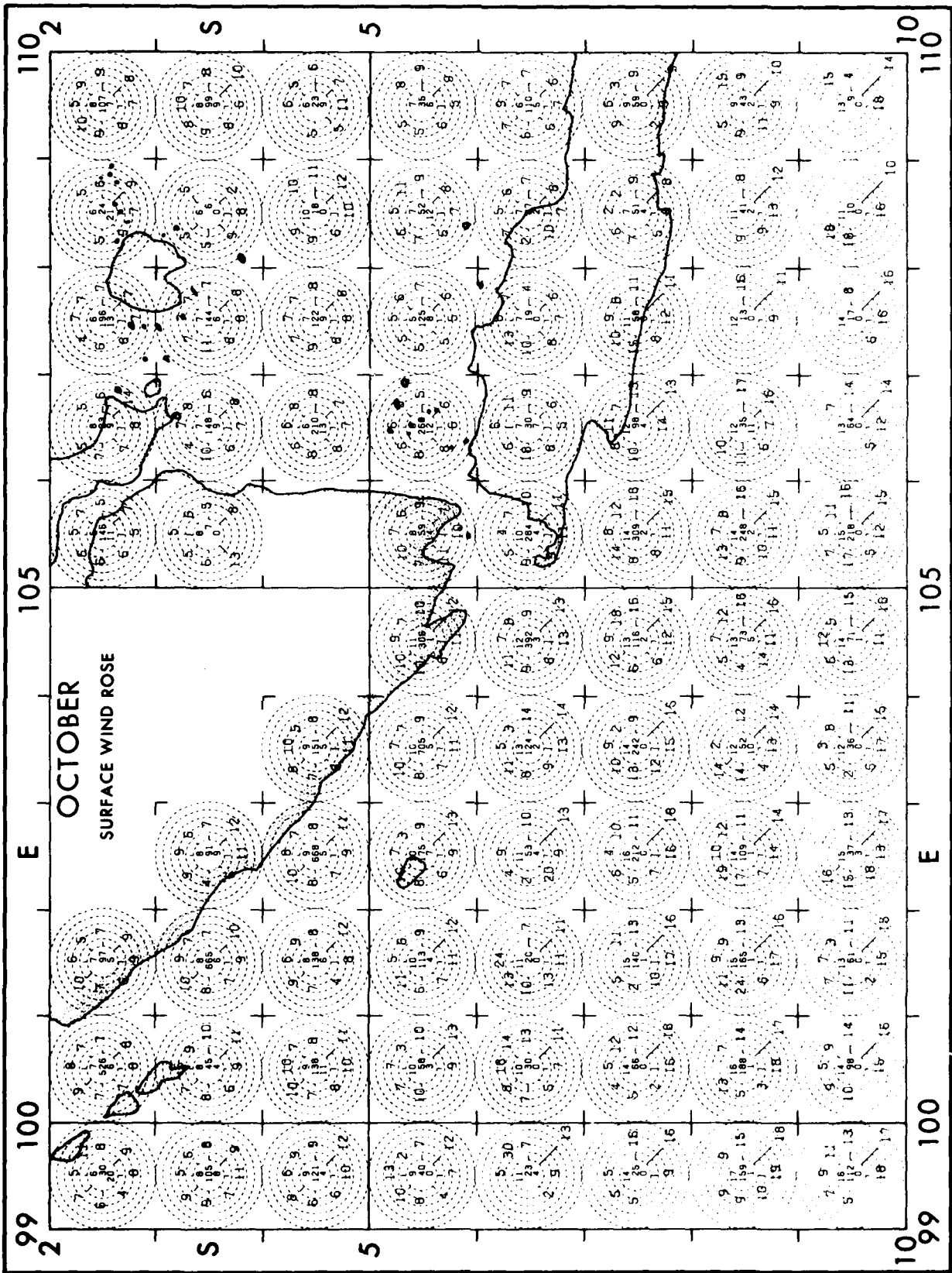




SOLID LINE · Percent frequency of wind speed <11 knots  
DASHED LINE · Percent frequency of wind speed 11-21 knots



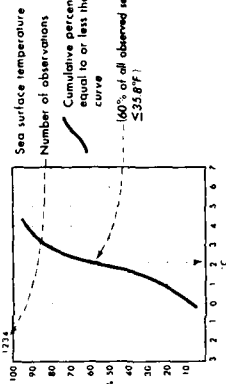




# OCTOBER AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

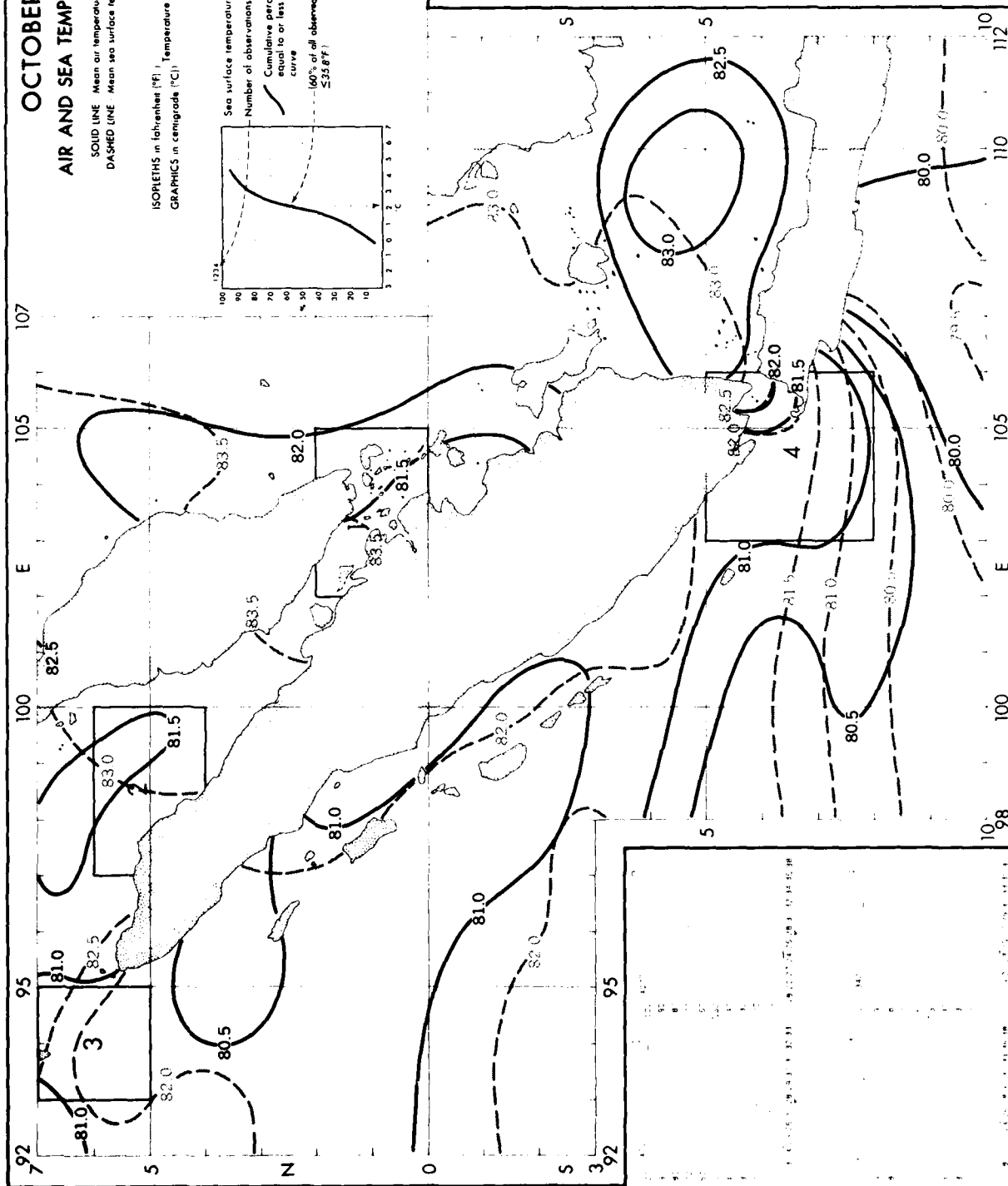
SOLID LINE Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

ISOPLTHS in Fahrenheit (°F) Temperature conversion table below  
GRAPHICS in centigrade (°C)



## CONVERSION TABLE

°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
20	68.0
21	69.8
22	71.6
23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
31	87.8
32	89.6
33	91.4
34	93.2
35	95.0
36	96.8
37	98.6
38	100.4
39	102.2



# OCTOBER WAVES

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet

Wave direction and height

Direction frequency top scale. Bars represent percent frequency of waves from each direction.  
Height frequency bottom scale. Printed figures represent percent frequency of wave heights.

--- 5% of all waves were from the N

indicates  $< 5\%$  but  $> 0$

1% of all waves were from the S with heights from 6.75 meters

Number of observations

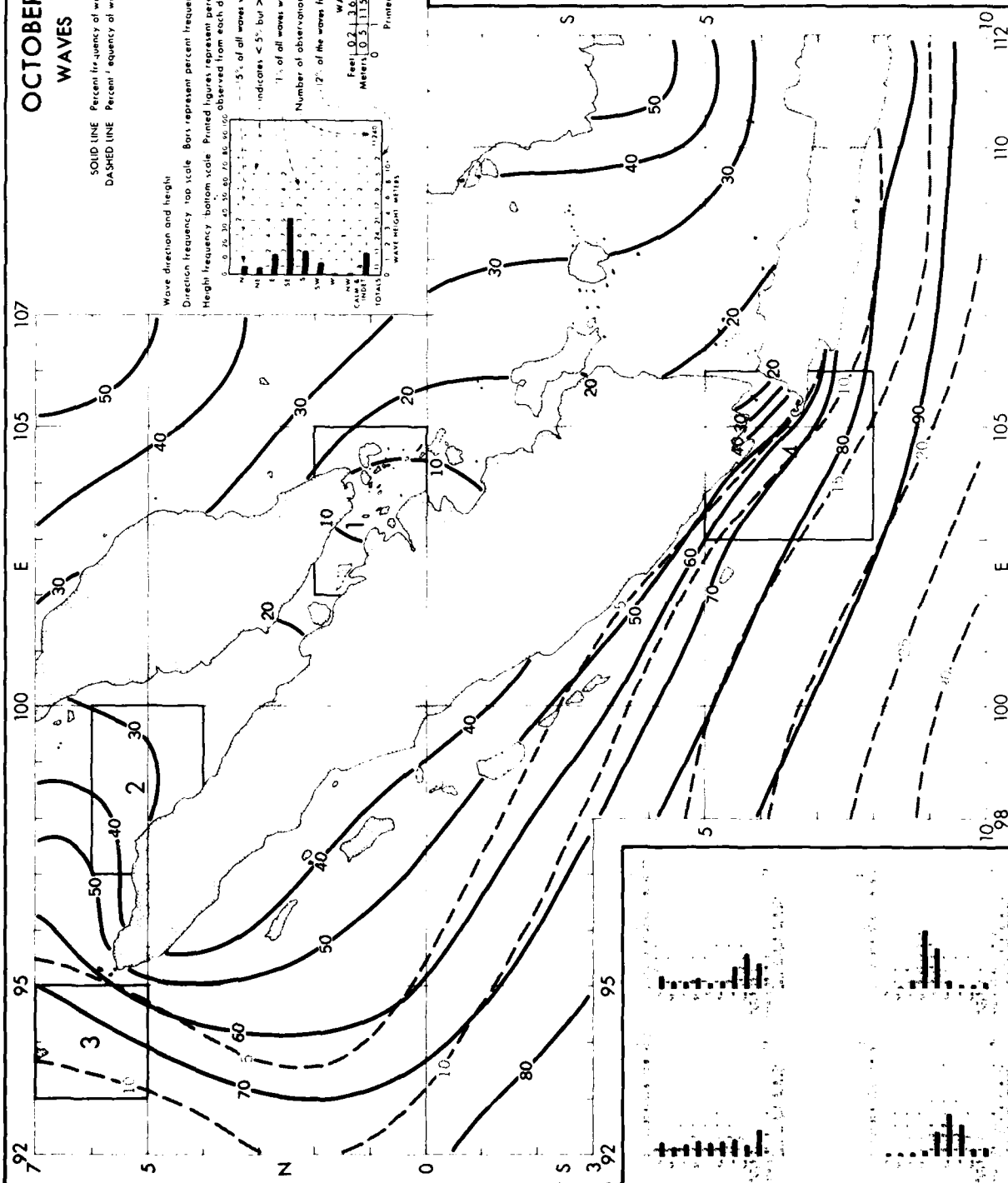
12% of the waves from all directions had heights  $\geq 10$  meters

WAVE HEIGHT INTERVAL

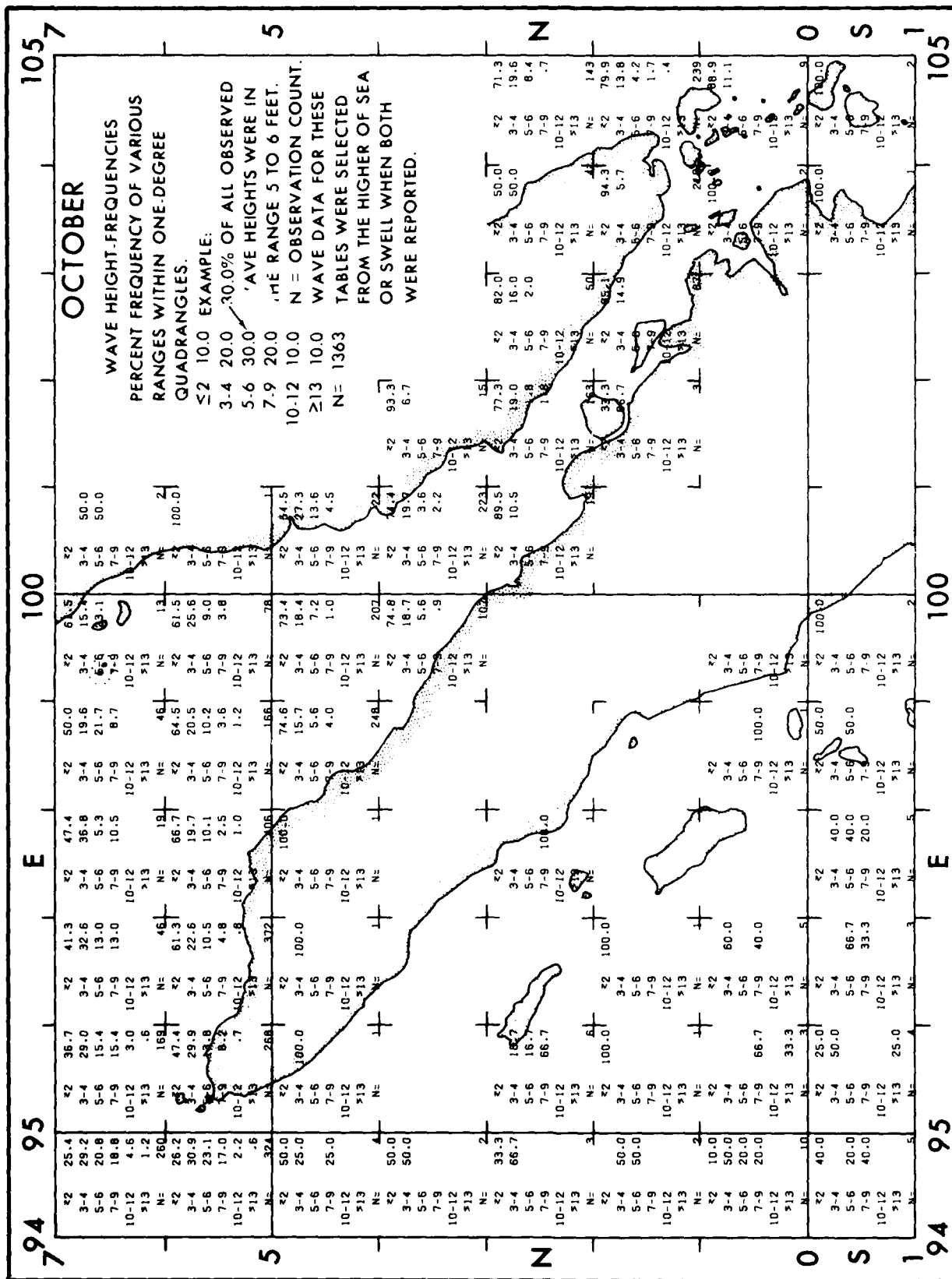
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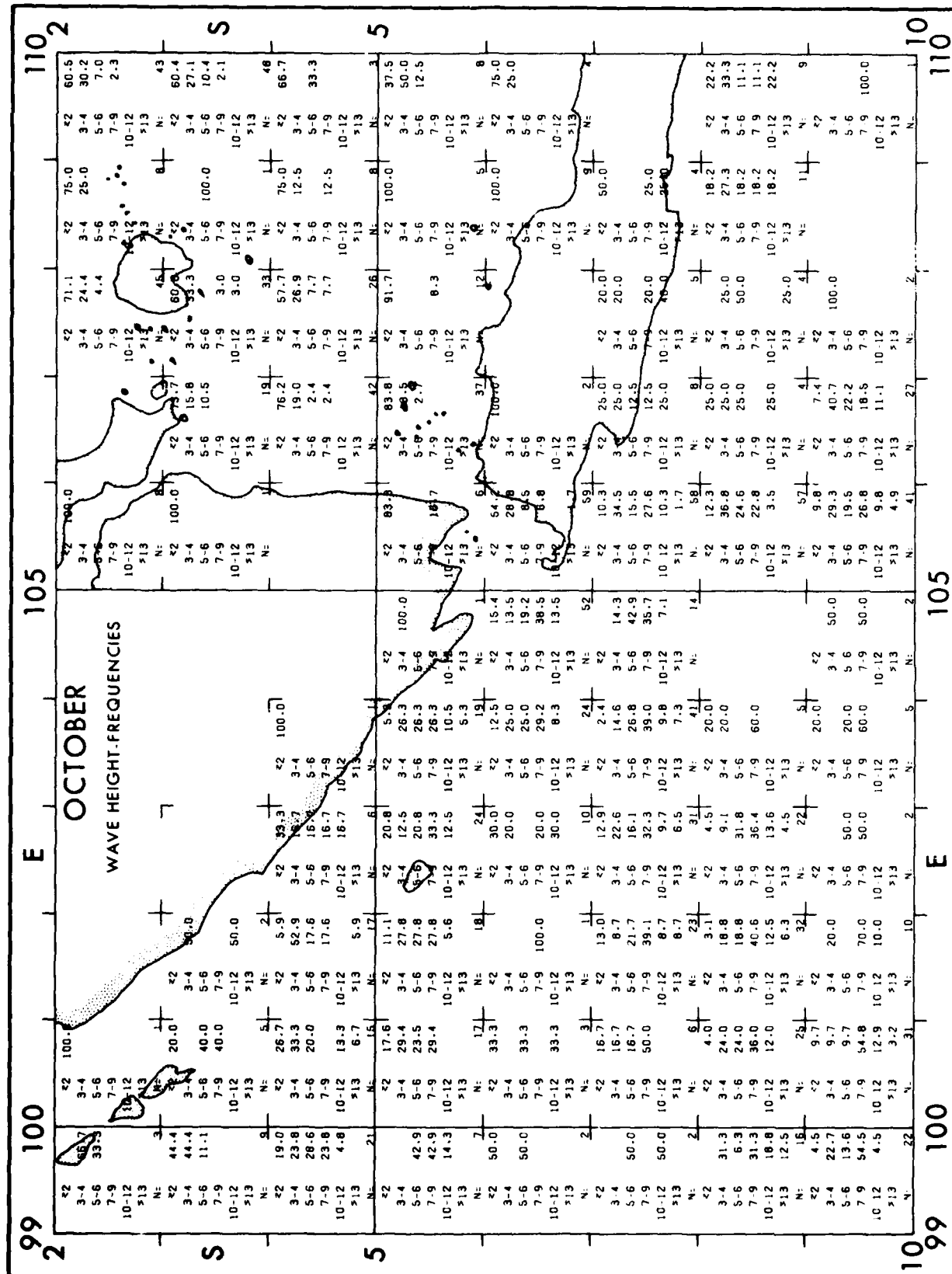
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# NOVEMBER CLOUD COVER

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of total cloud amount  $\leq 8$   
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of low cloud amount  $\leq 6$

Cumulative percent frequency of indicated cloud amount equal to or less than the amount intersected by the curve  
Number of observations

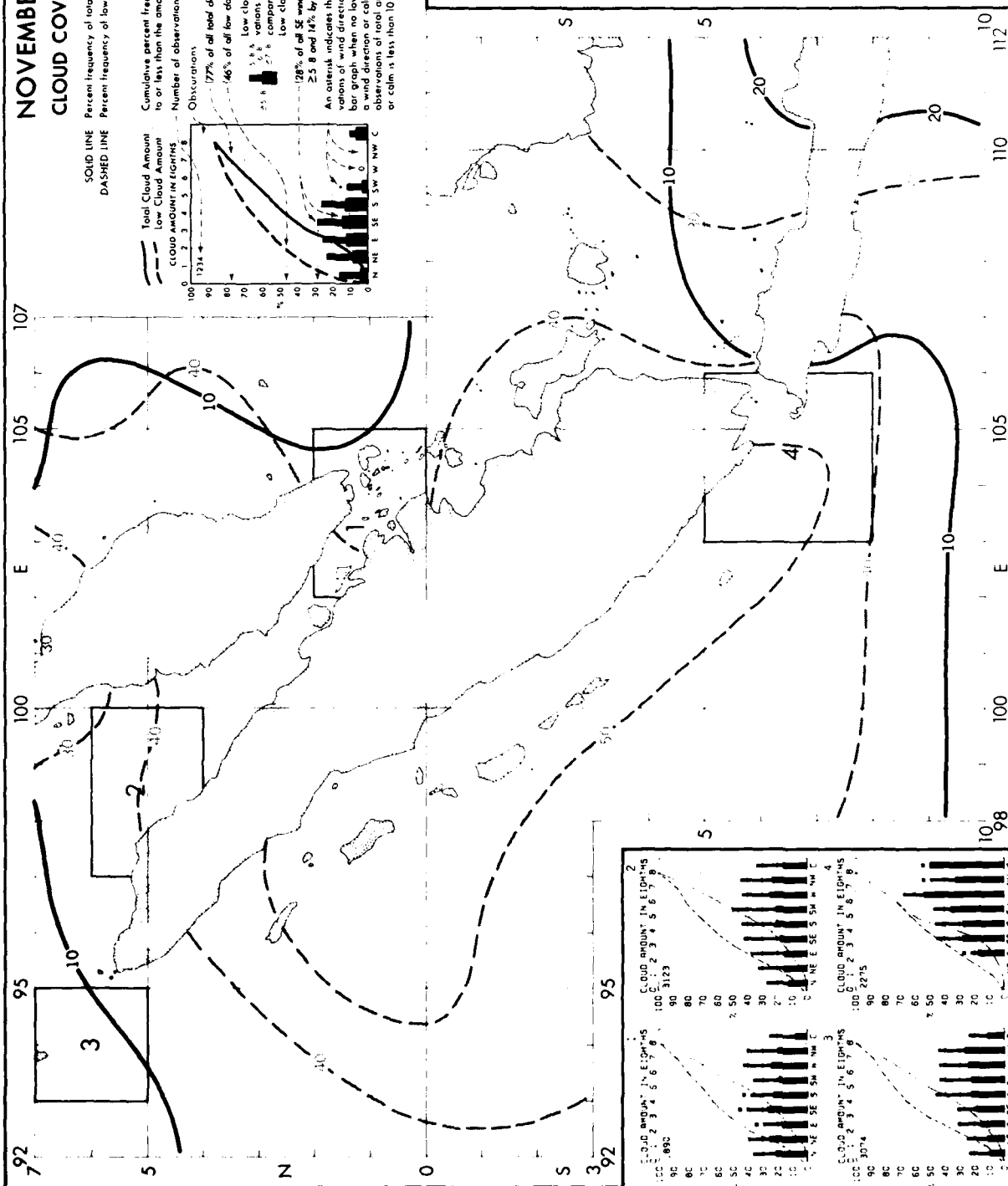
Observations

177% of all total cloud amounts were  $\leq 7.8$

146% of all low cloud amounts were  $\leq 6.1$

Percent frequency of observed variations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by low cloud amounts  $\geq 5.8$  and  $\geq 7.8$   
Low clouds are clouds with bases  $< 6000$  feet  
78% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amounts  $\geq 5.8$  and 44% by low cloud amounts  $\geq 7.8$

An asterisk indicates that the percentage is based on 1030 observations of wind direction, total and low cloud amount. \* replaces bar graph when no low cloud amounts  $\geq 5.8$  were observed with observed direction. \* indicates that no low cloud amount was observed from a wind direction and low cloud amount from a wind direction or calm is less than 10.



# NOVEMBER PRECIPITATION

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting precipitation  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting thunderstorms and/or lightning

Percent frequency of surface wind observations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by precipitation subdivided into liquid type including freezing rain and freezing drizzle and snow

Run Liquid Snow

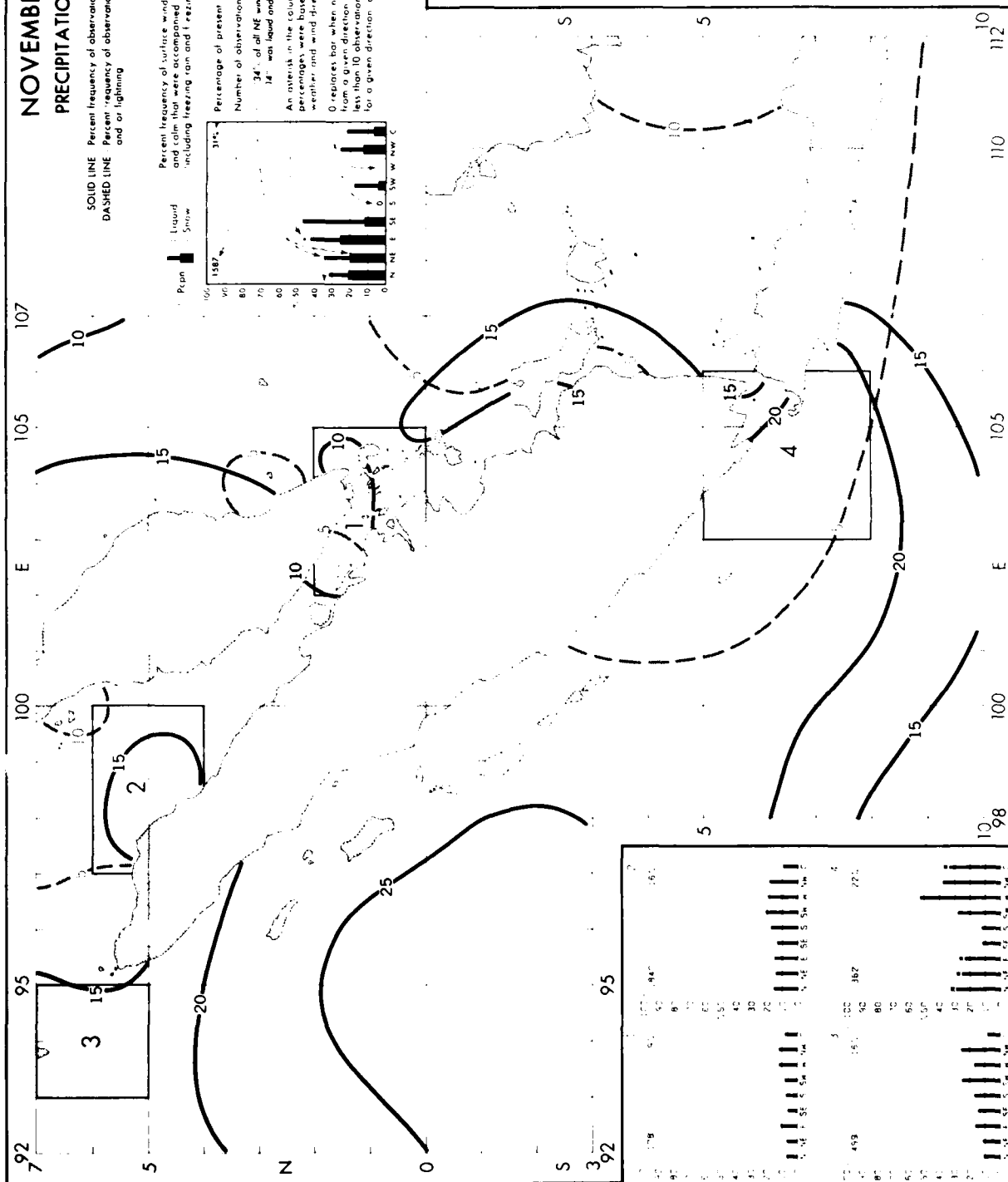
Percentage of present weather observations reporting precipitation

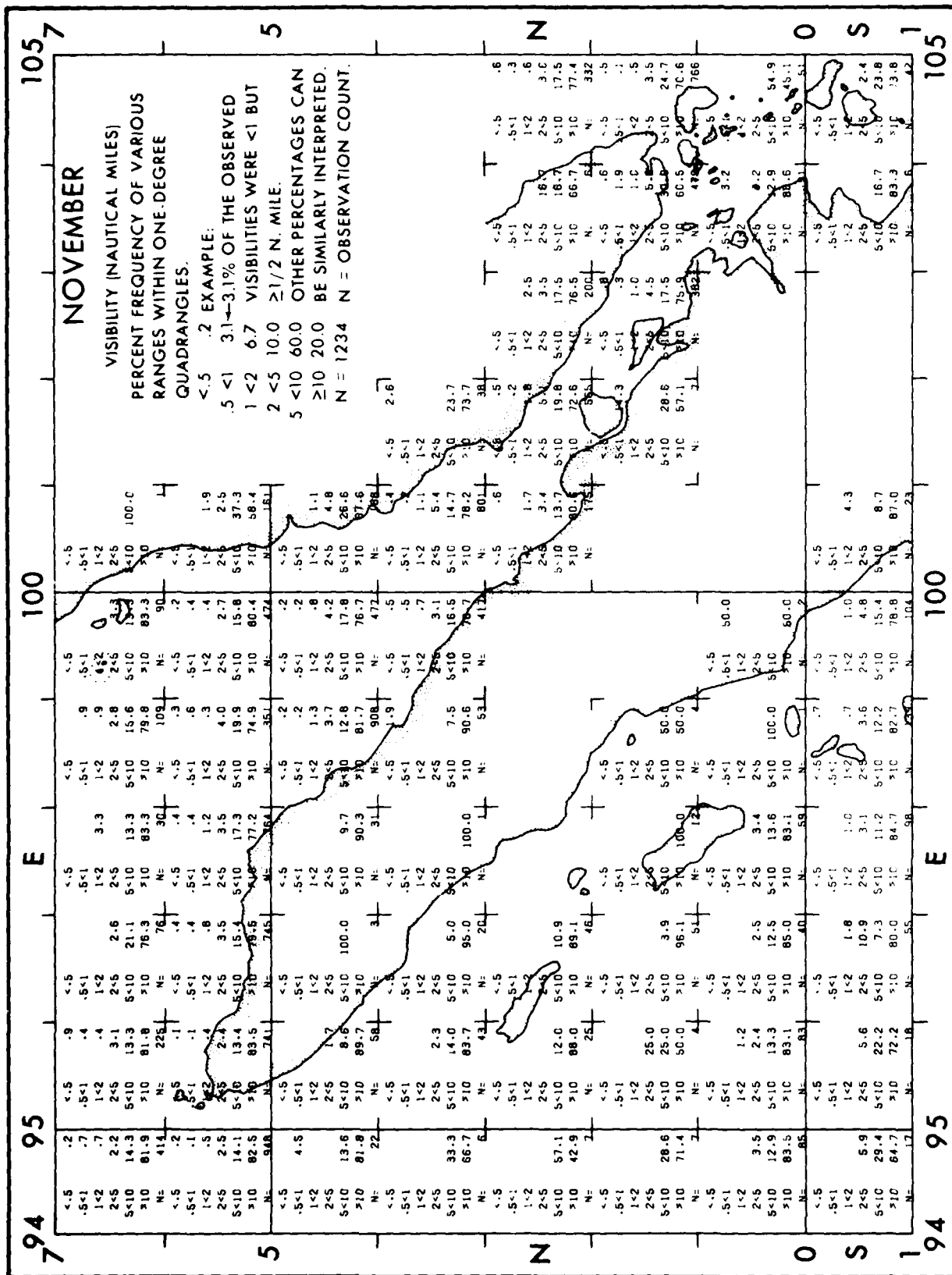
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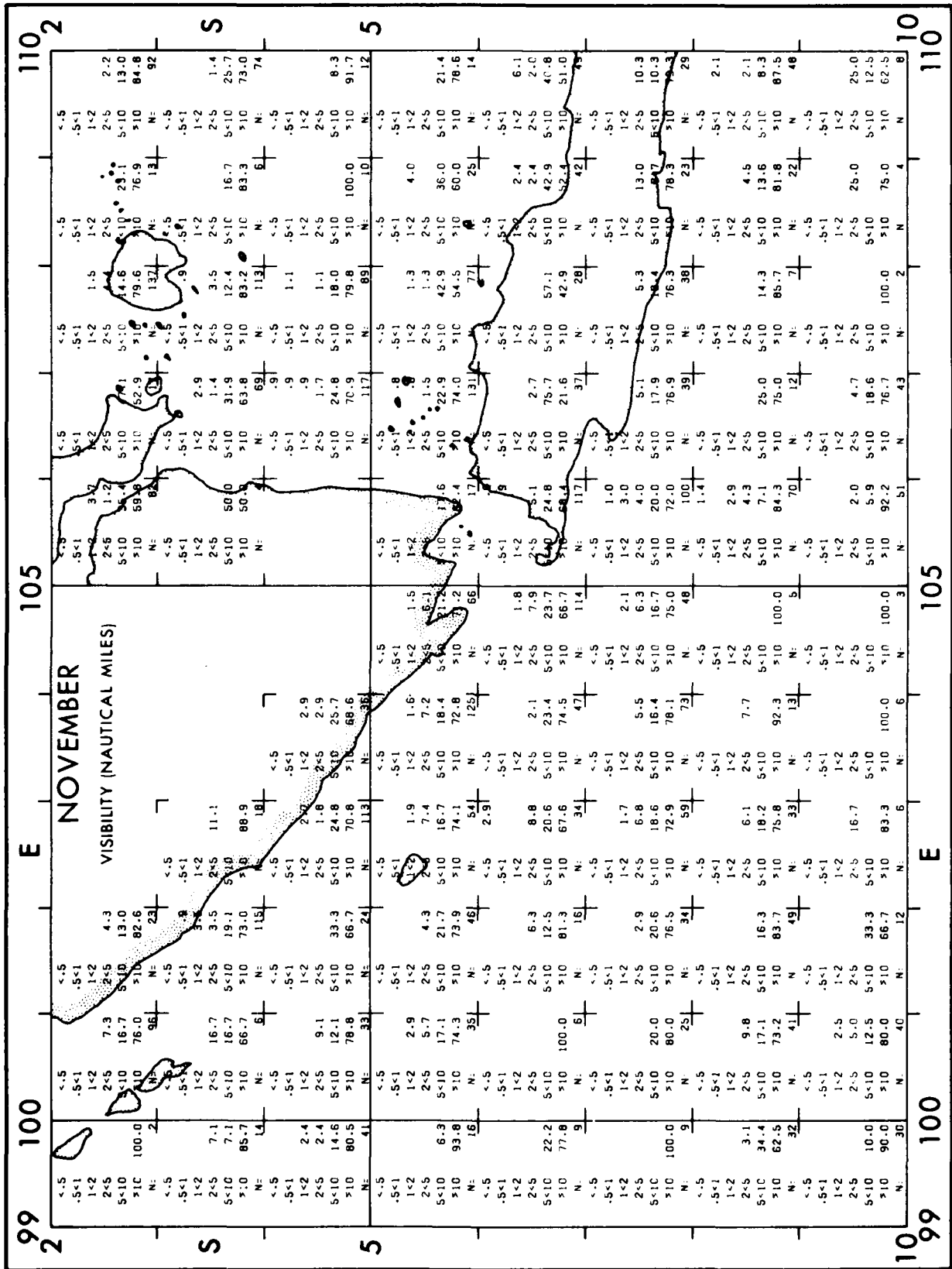
34% of all NE winds were accompanied by precipitation of which 14% was liquid and 20% was snow

An asterisk in the column for a given direction or calm indicates percentages were based on 10 or 30 observations of present weather and wind direction

0 replaces bar when no precipitation was observed with winds from a given direction or calm. No bar graph is presented if less than 10 observations containing present weather are reported for a given direction or calm













# NOVEMBER SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE - Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale). Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale). Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction.

(4% of all winds were from the N)  
indicates < 5% but > 0

(1% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots)  
The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots

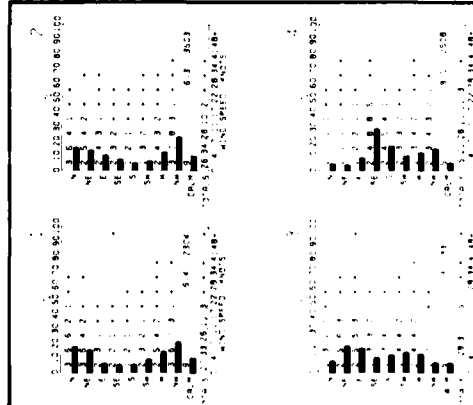
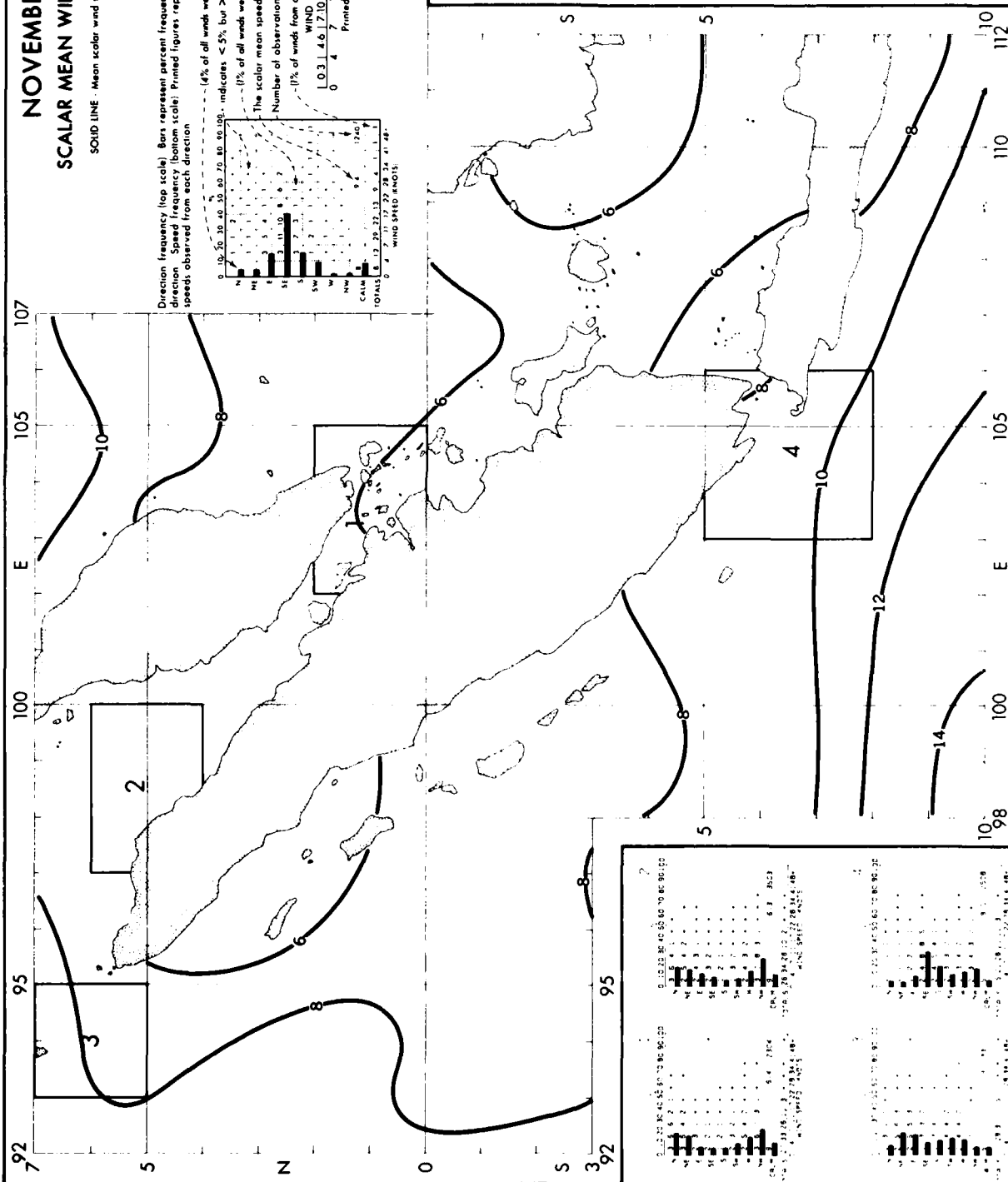
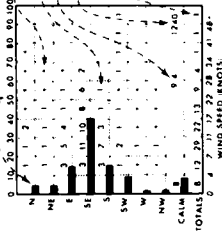
Number of observations

(1% of winds from all directions had wind speed 2-4 knots)

WIND SPEED INTERVAL (KNOTS)

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**NOVEMBER**  
**WIND SPEED**

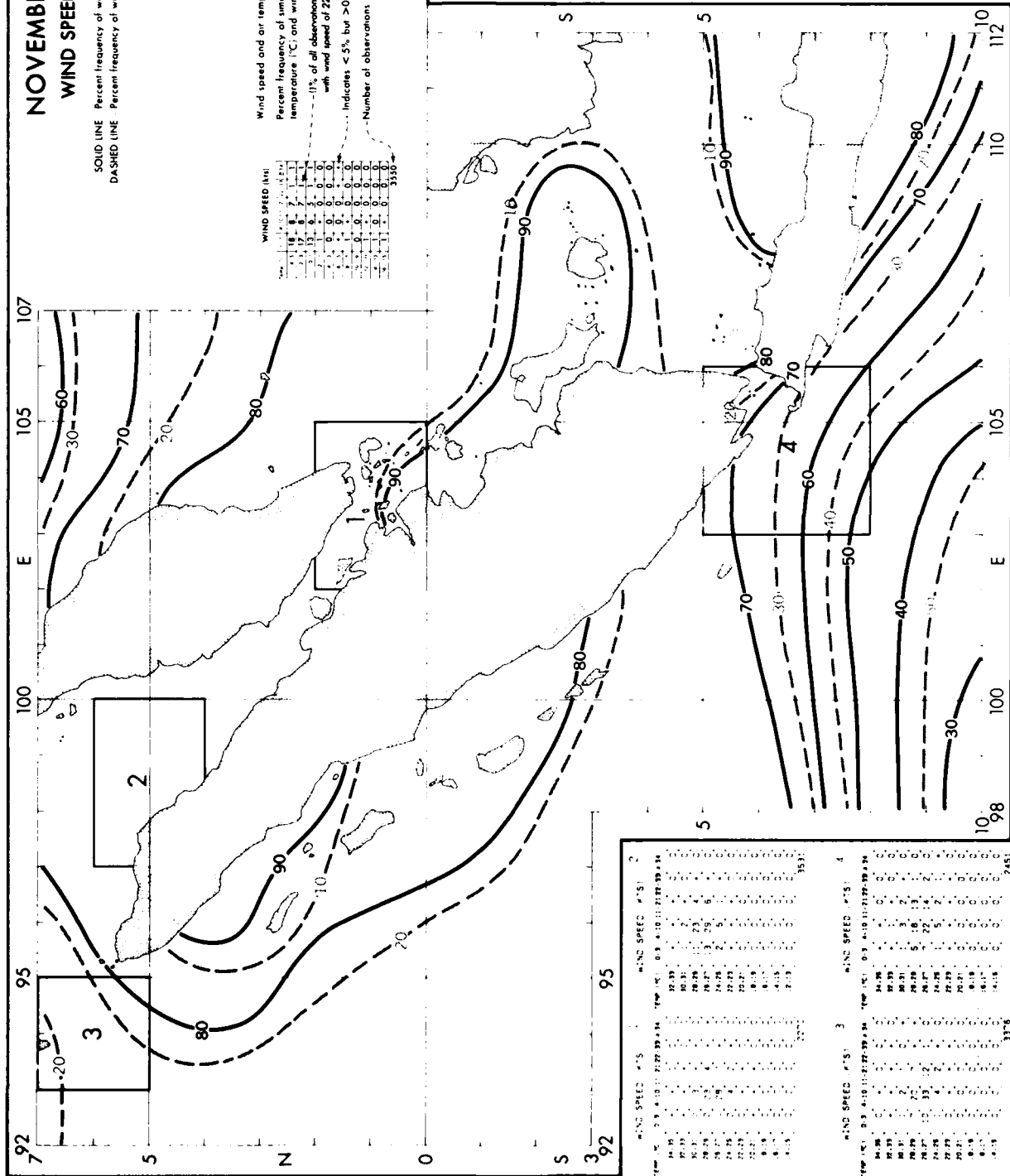
SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wind speed <11 knots  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wind speed 11-21 knots

Wind speed and air temperature  
Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified temperature (°C) and wind speed (knots)  
- (1% of all observations reported temperature 2.3°C simultaneously with wind speed of 22-33 knots)  
- Indicates <5% but >0  
- Number of observations

WIND SPEED (kts)

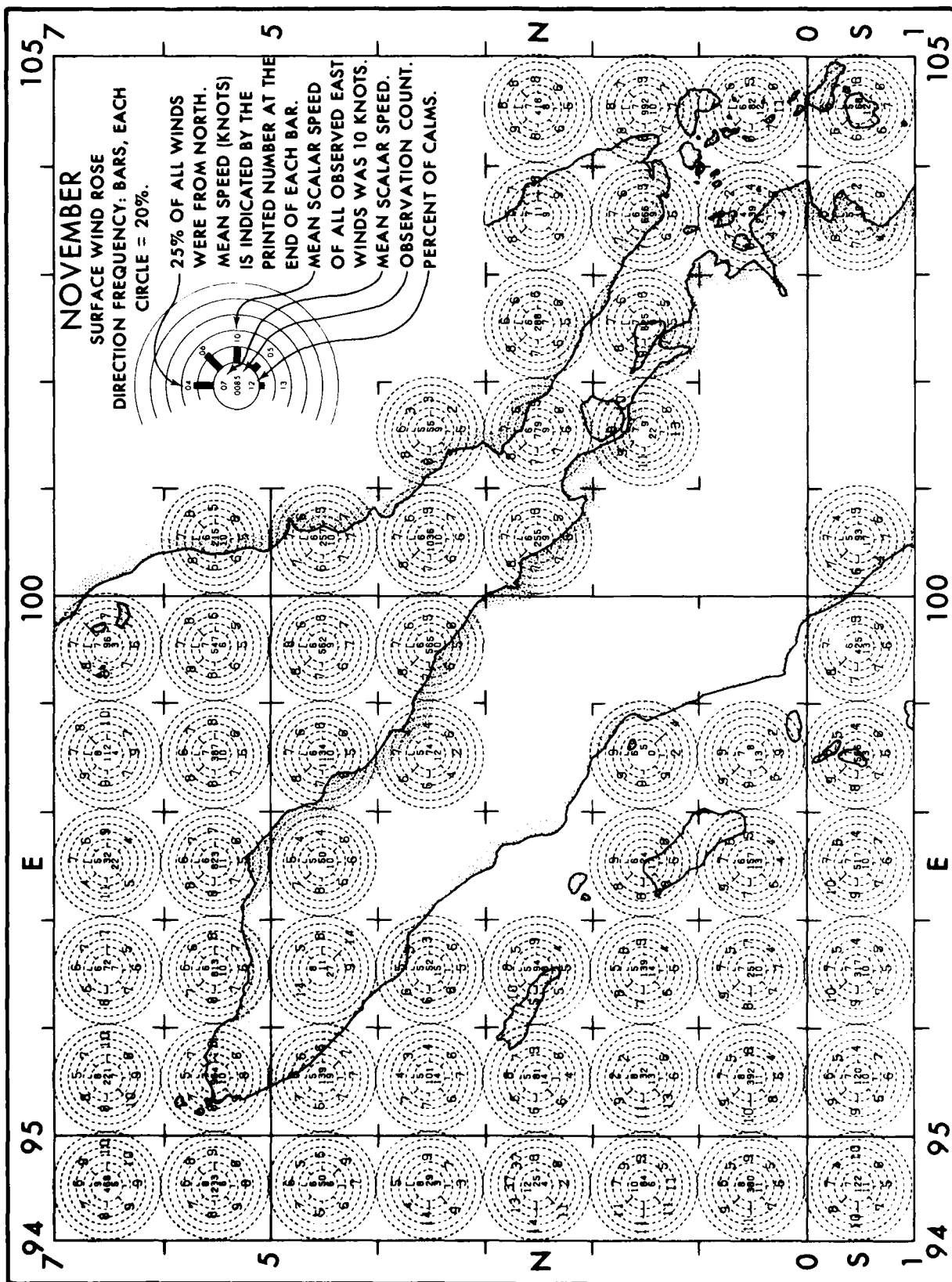
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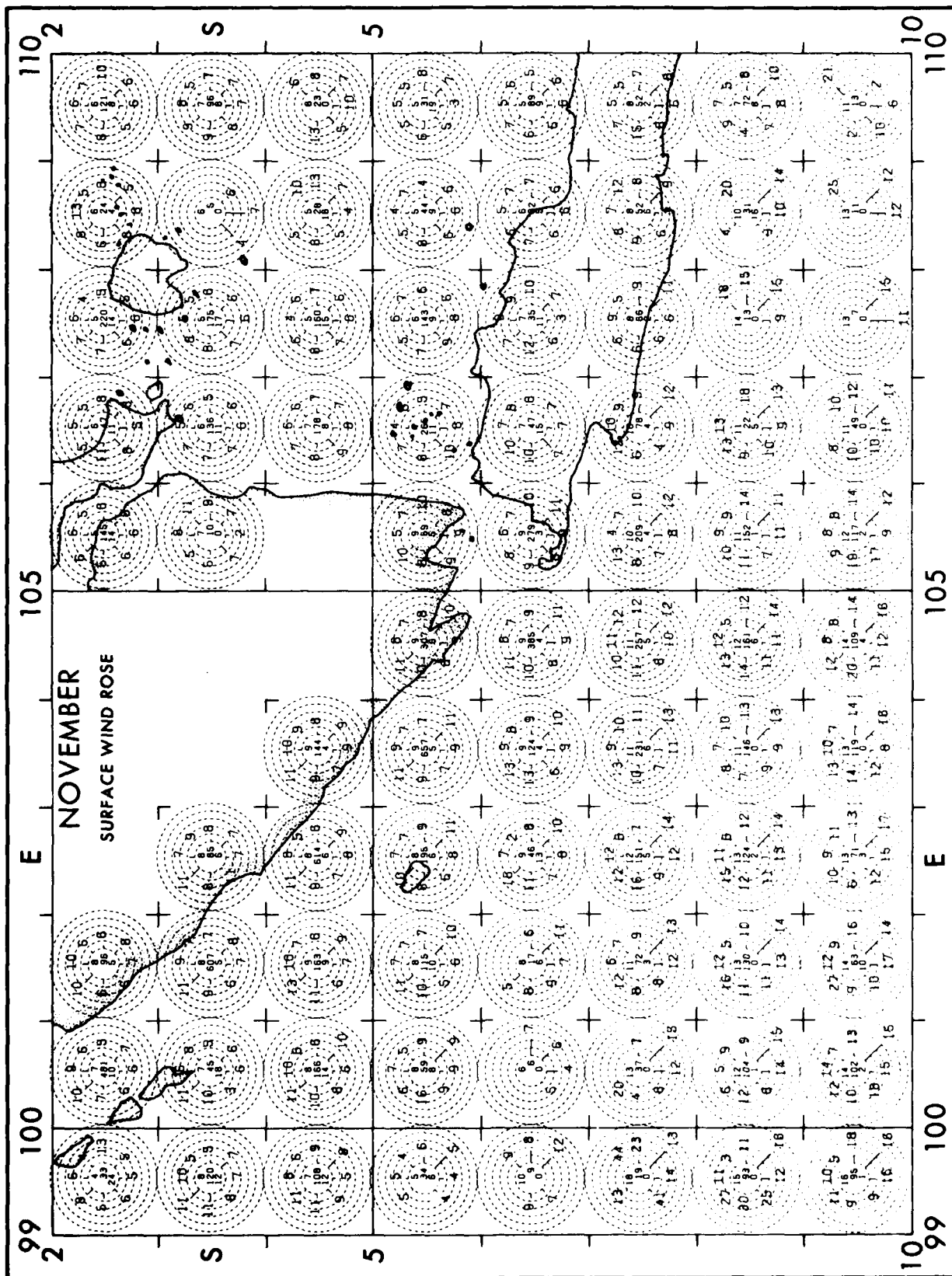
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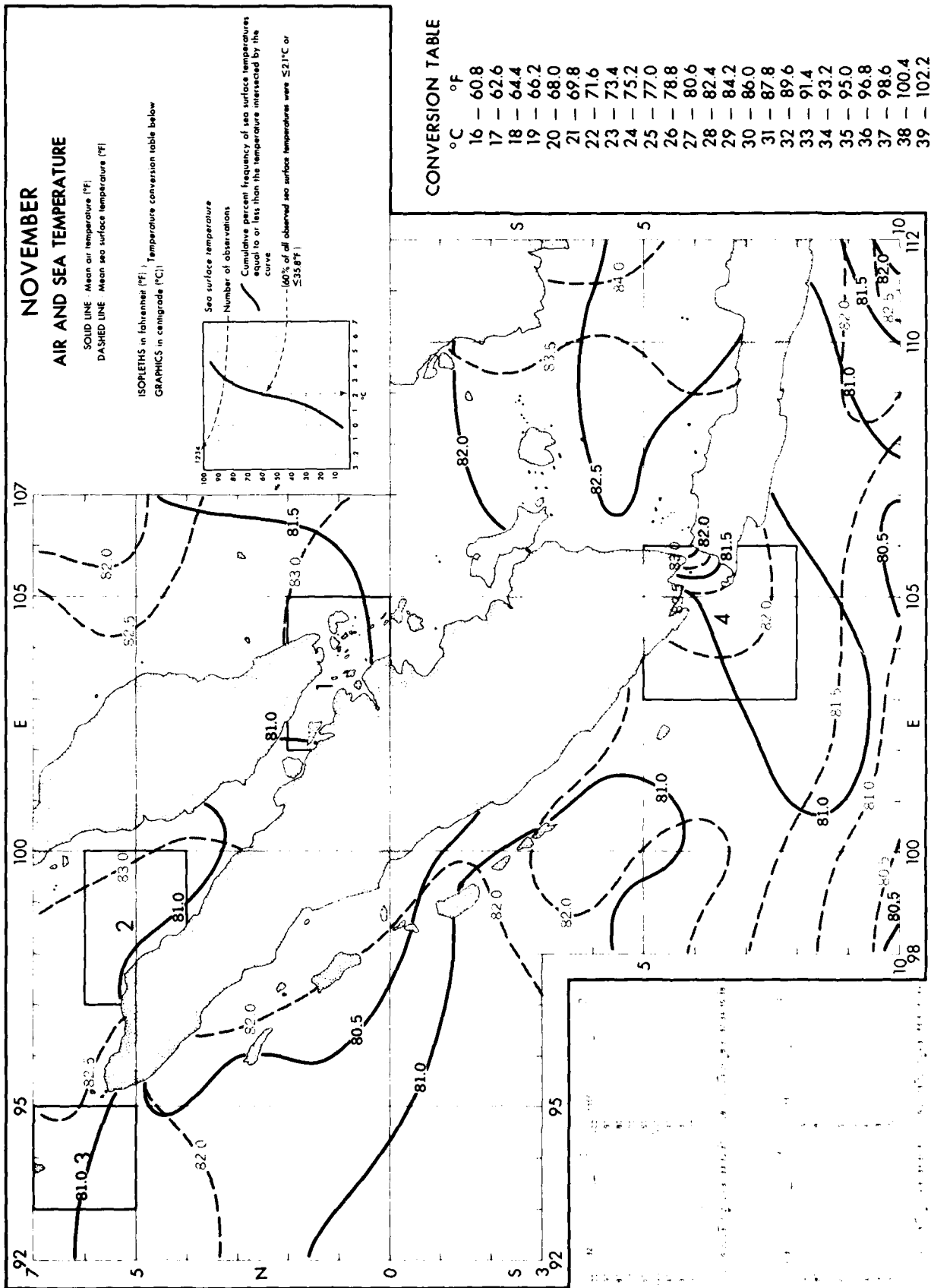
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32.0	100	32.0	100
31.0	100	31.0	100
30.0	100	30.0	100
29.0	100	29.0	100
28.0	100	28.0	100
27.0	100	27.0	100
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4.0	100	4.0	100
3.0	100	3.0	100
2.0	100	2.0	100
1.0	100	1.0	100
0.0	100	0.0	100

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# NOVEMBER WAVES

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 3$  feet  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of wave height  $\geq 8$  feet

Wave direction and height

Direction frequency top scale. Bars represent percent frequency of waves from each direction  
Height frequency bottom scale. Printed figures represent percent frequency of wave heights  
observed from each direction

5% of all waves were from the N

indicates  $< 5\%$ , but  $> 0$

1% of all waves were from the S with heights from 6.75 meters

Number of observations

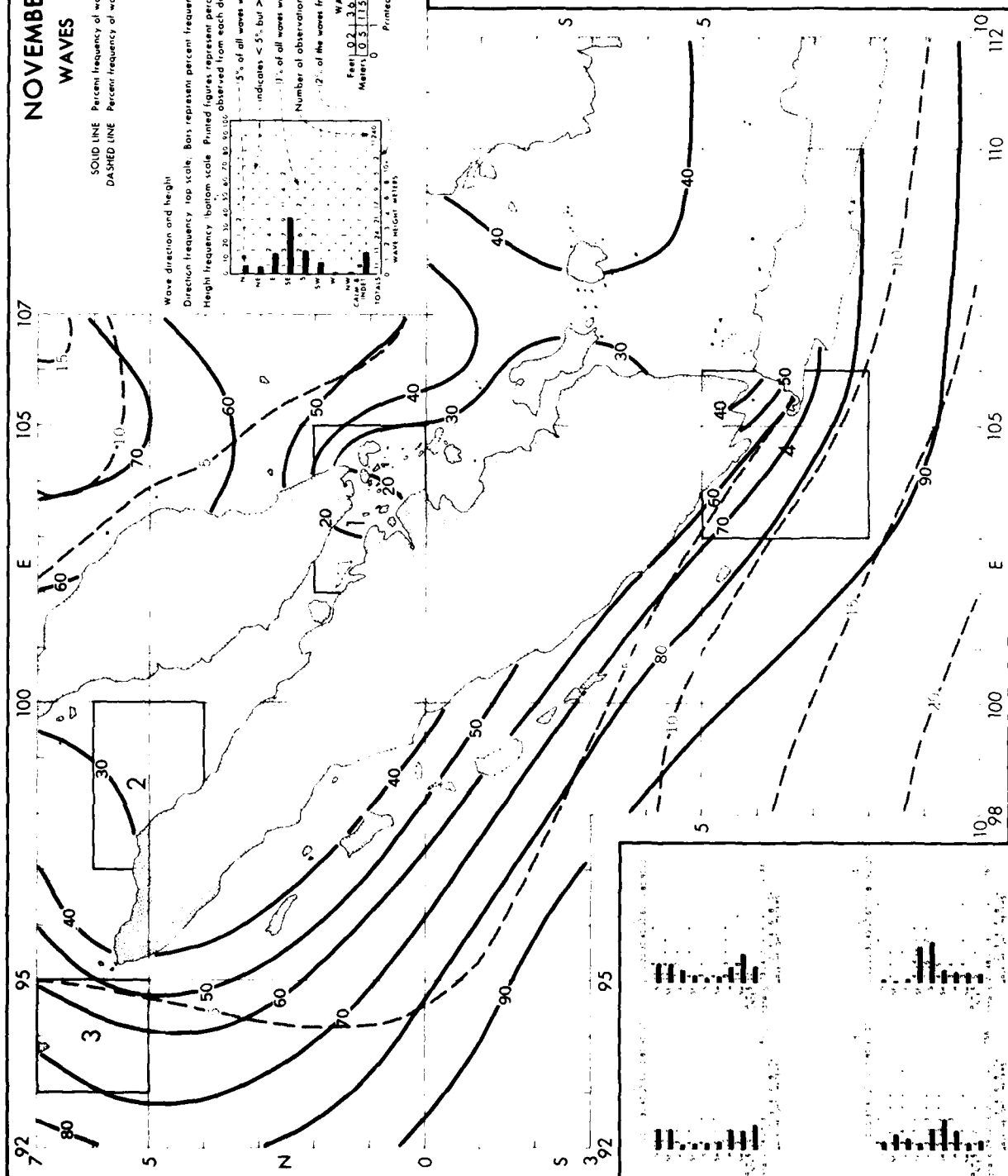
2% of the waves from all directions had heights  $\geq 10$  meters.

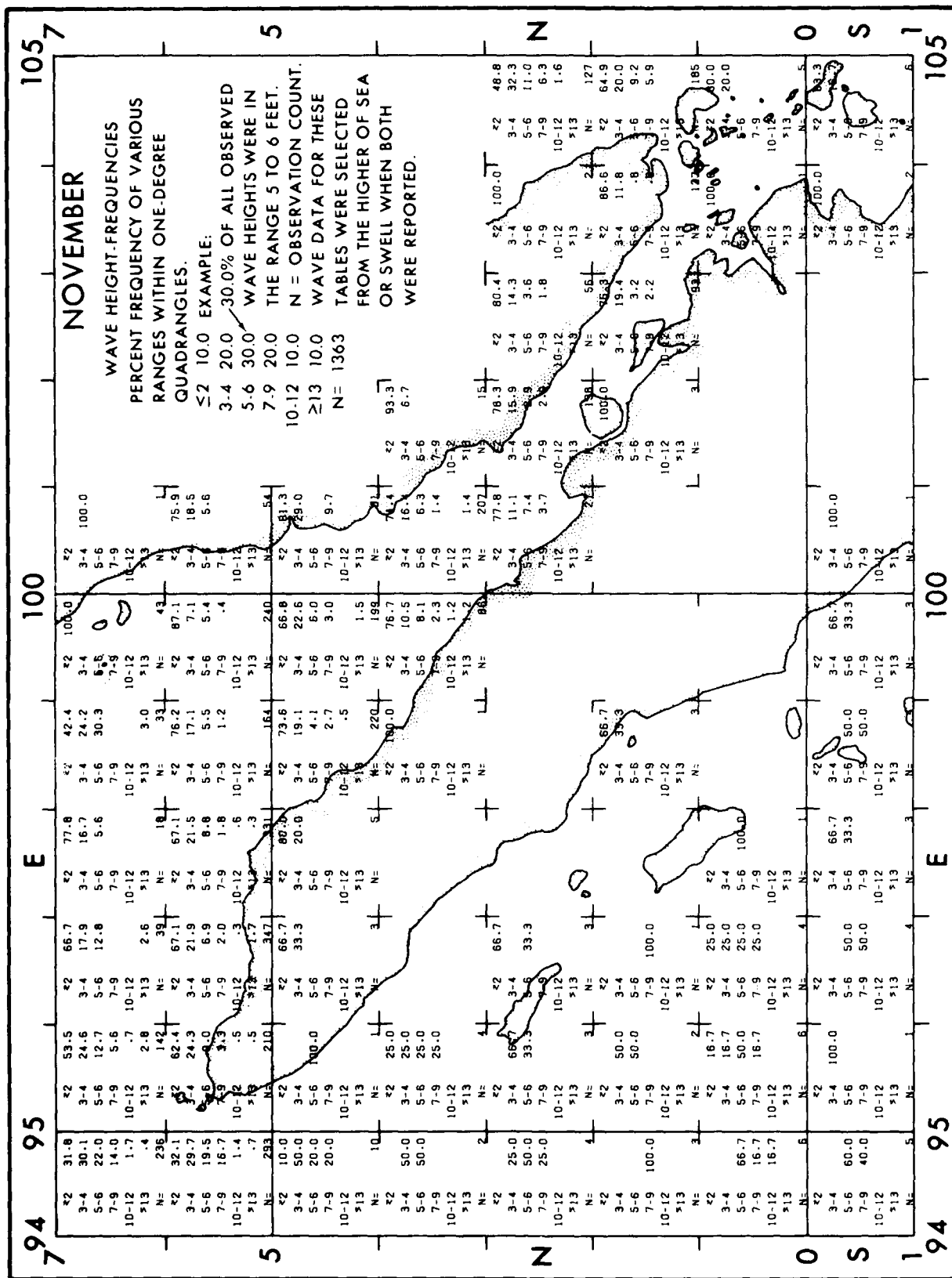
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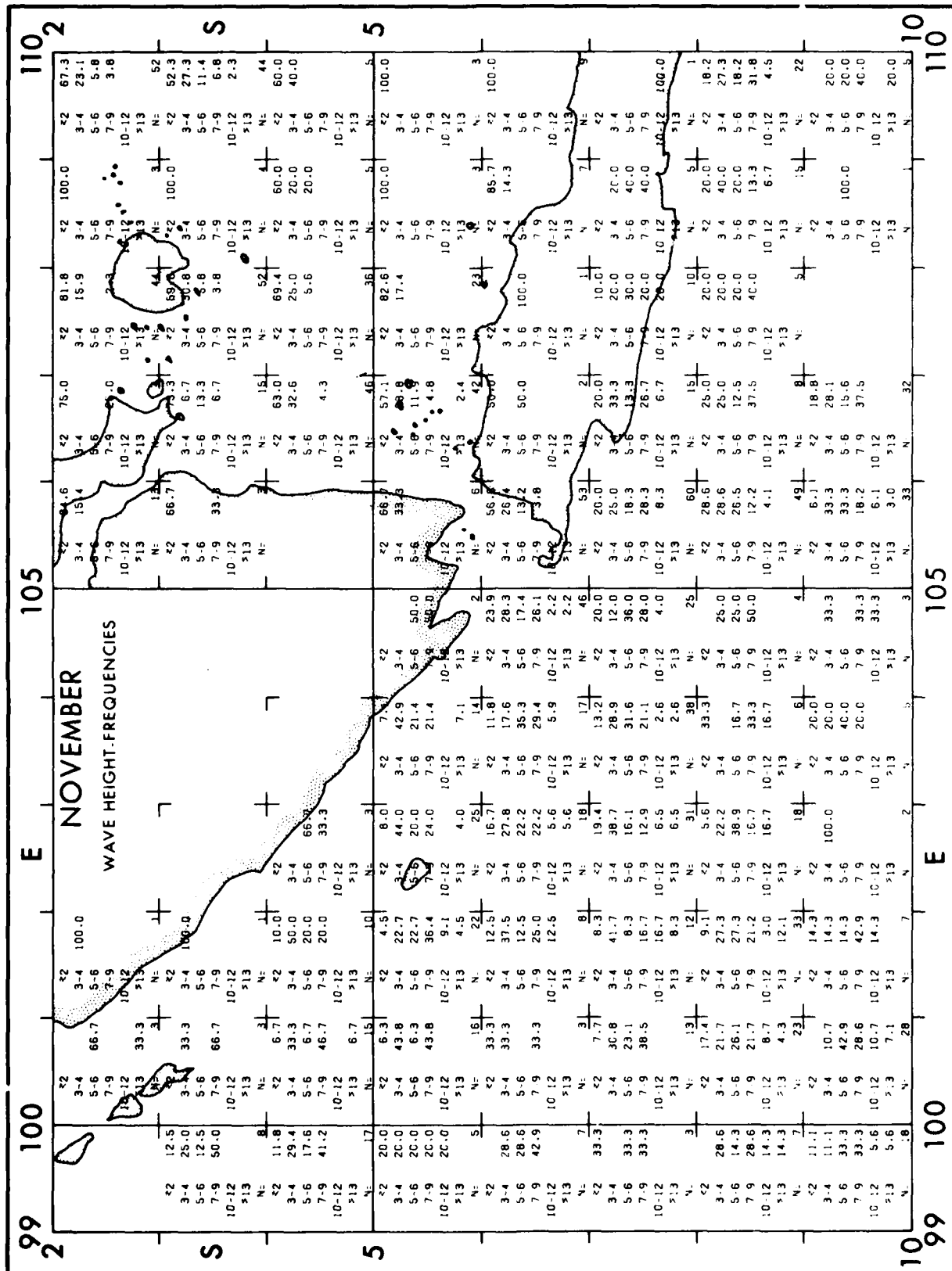
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# DECEMBER CLOUD COVER

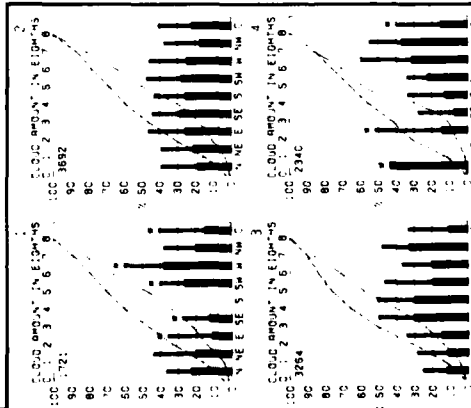
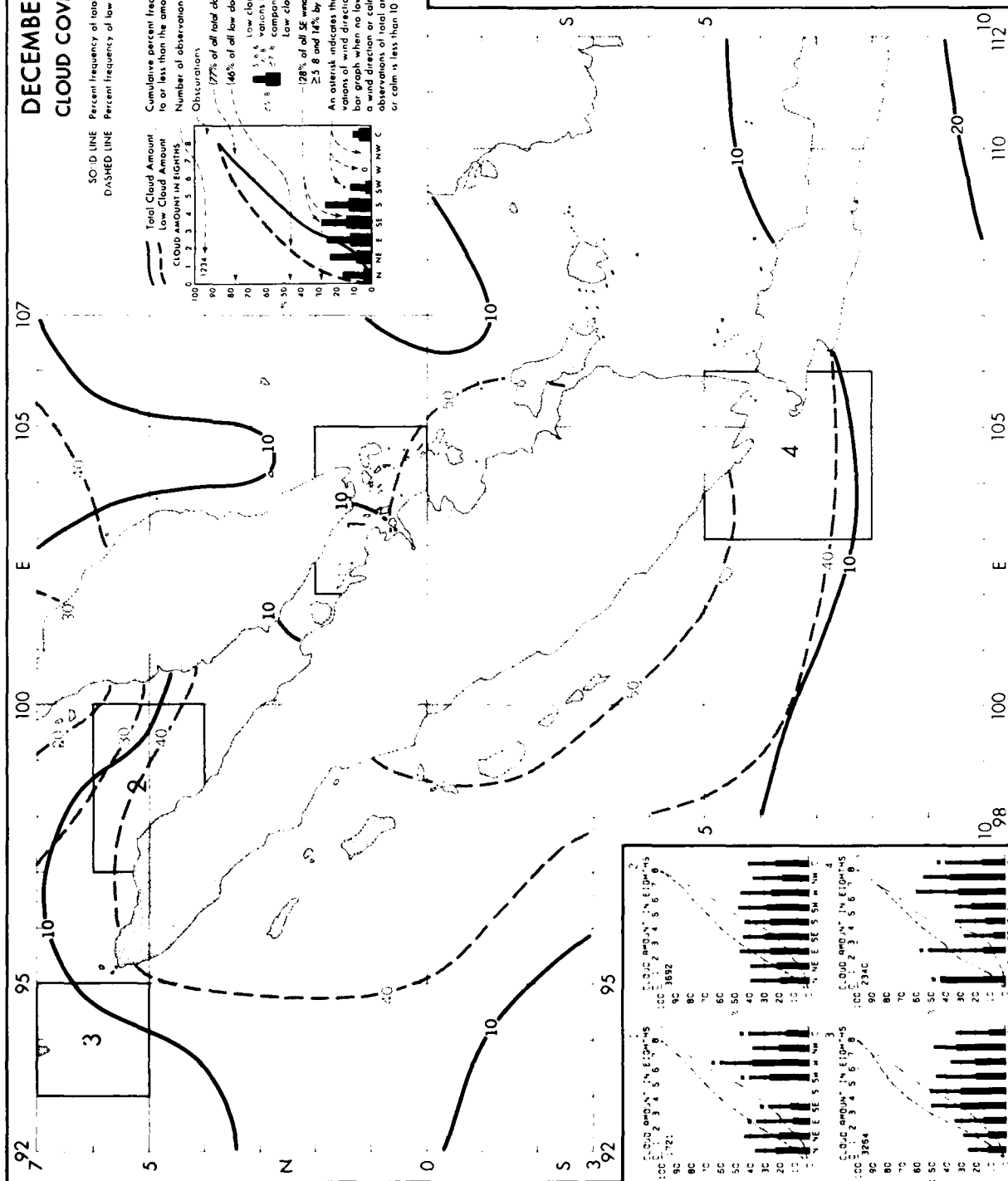
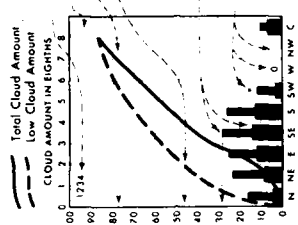
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Cumulative percent frequency of indicated cloud amount equal to or less than the amount intersected by the curve

Number of observations

Observations  
177% of all total cloud amounts were  $\leq 7.8$   
146% of all low cloud amounts were  $\leq 7.8$   
Low cloud amount Percent frequency of observations from each direction and calm that were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 7.8$  and  $\geq 7.8$   
Low clouds are clouds with bases  $< 8000$  feet  
28% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 7.8$   
14% of all SE winds were accompanied by low cloud amount  $\geq 7.8$

An asterisk indicates that the percentage is based on 10-30 observations of wind direction, total and low cloud amount. 0 replaces bar graph when no low cloud amounts  $\geq 7.8$  were observed with a wind direction or calm. 0 or bar is omitted when number of observations of total and low cloud amount from a wind direction or calm is less than 10

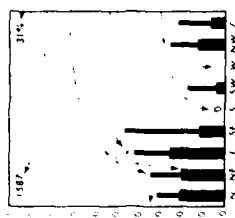


# DECEMBER PRECIPITATION

SOLID LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting precipitation  
DASHED LINE Percent frequency of observations reporting thunderstorm  
and or lightning

Percent frequency of surface wind observations from each direction  
and calm that were accompanied by precipitation subdivided into liquid free  
including freezing rain and freezing drizzle and snow

Legend  
Liquid  
Snow

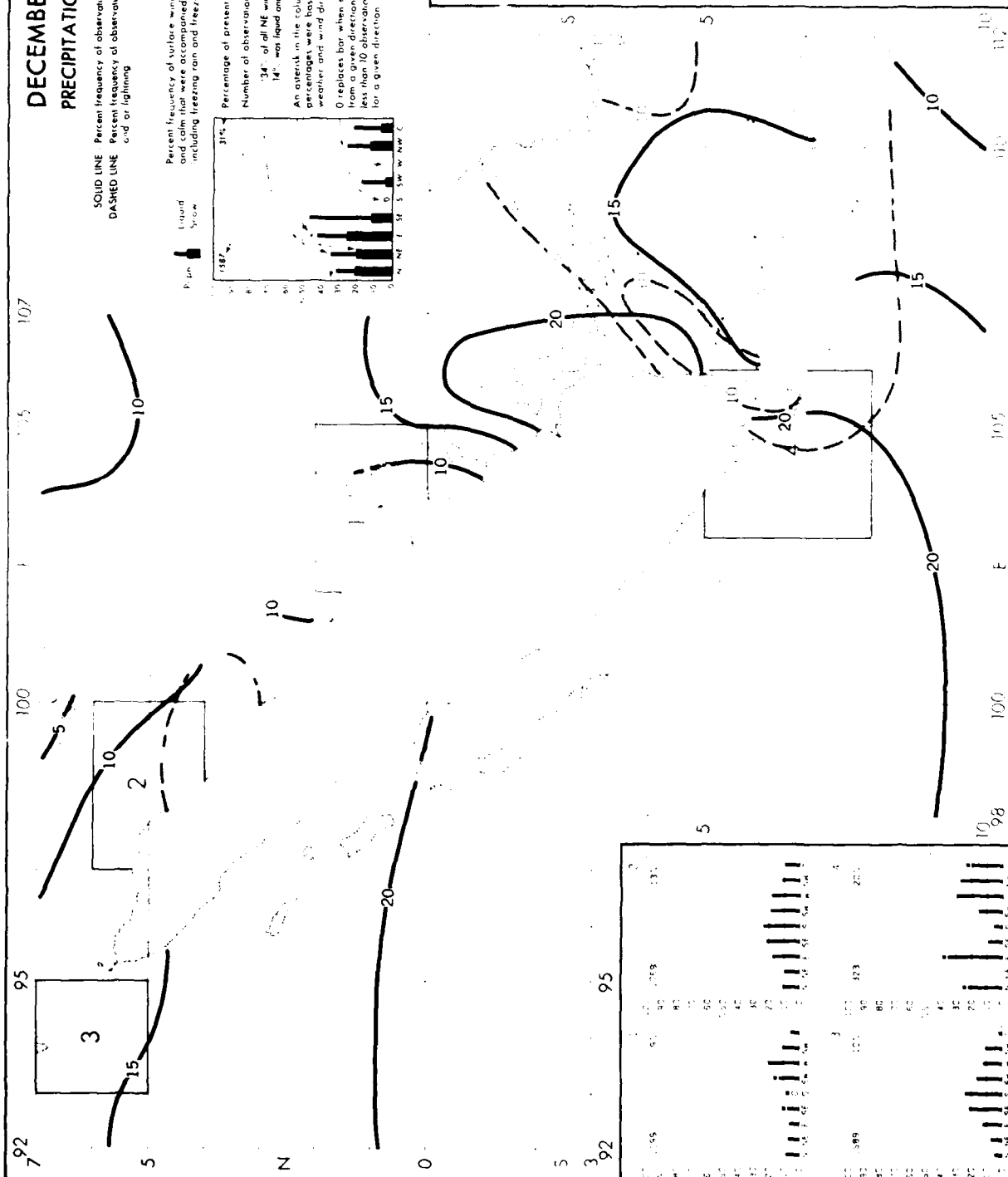


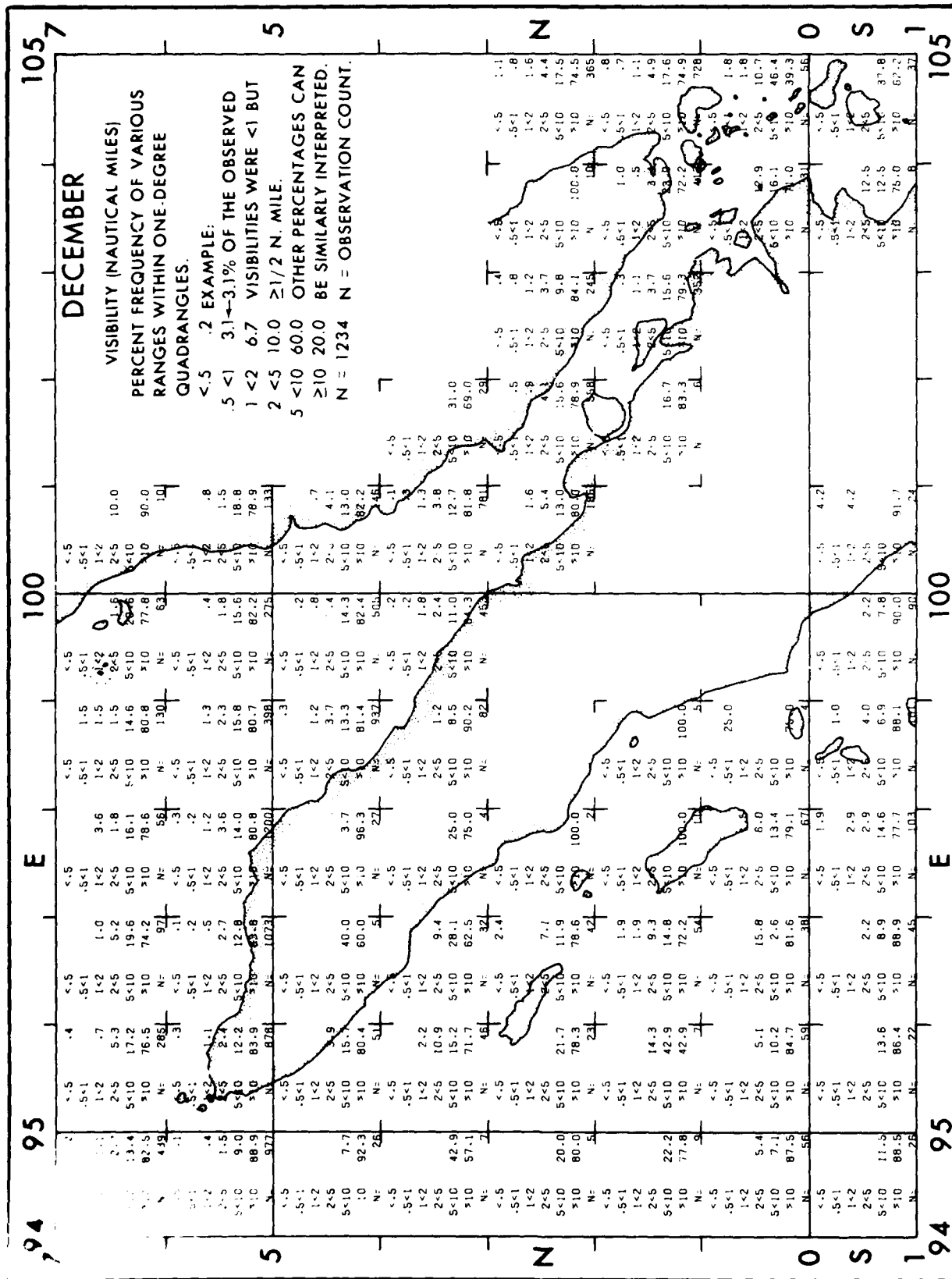
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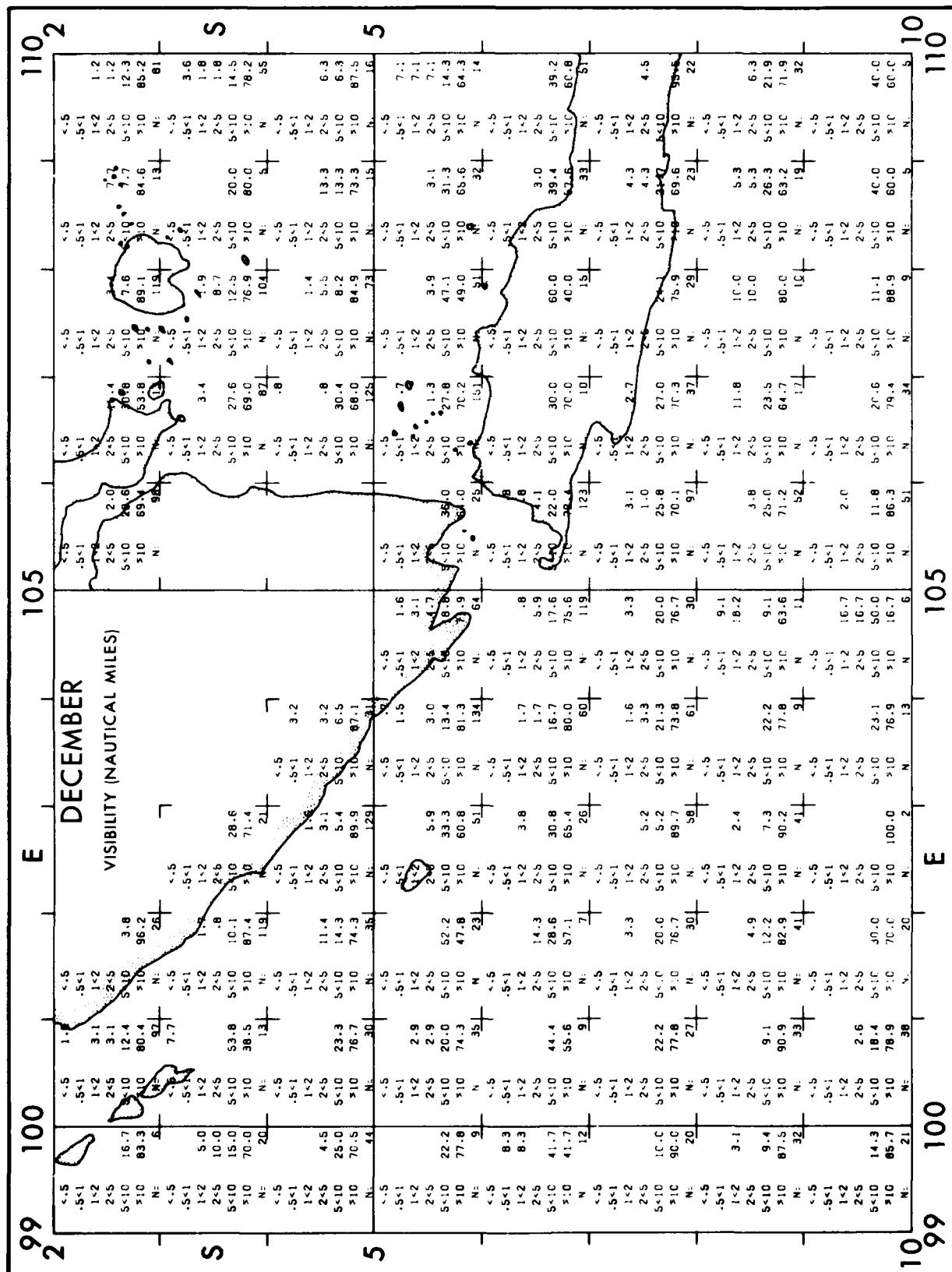
34% of all NE winds were accompanied by precipitation of which  
14% was liquid and 20% was snow

An asterisk in the column for a given direction or calm indicates  
percentages were based on 10 observations of present  
weather and wind direction

0 replaces bar when no precipitation was observed with winds  
from any direction. Calm has no bar graph is presented if  
less than 10 observations containing present weather are reported  
for a given direction or calm







**SOLID LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <1000 feet and or visibility <5 nautical miles

**DASHED LINE** Percent frequency of ceiling <8000 feet and or visibility <10 nautical miles

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Percent frequency of simultaneous occurrence of specified low cloud ceilings (hundreds of feet) and visibilities (nautical miles)

OW CLOUD CLOTHING

Obscure items are included under ceiling 0 <15

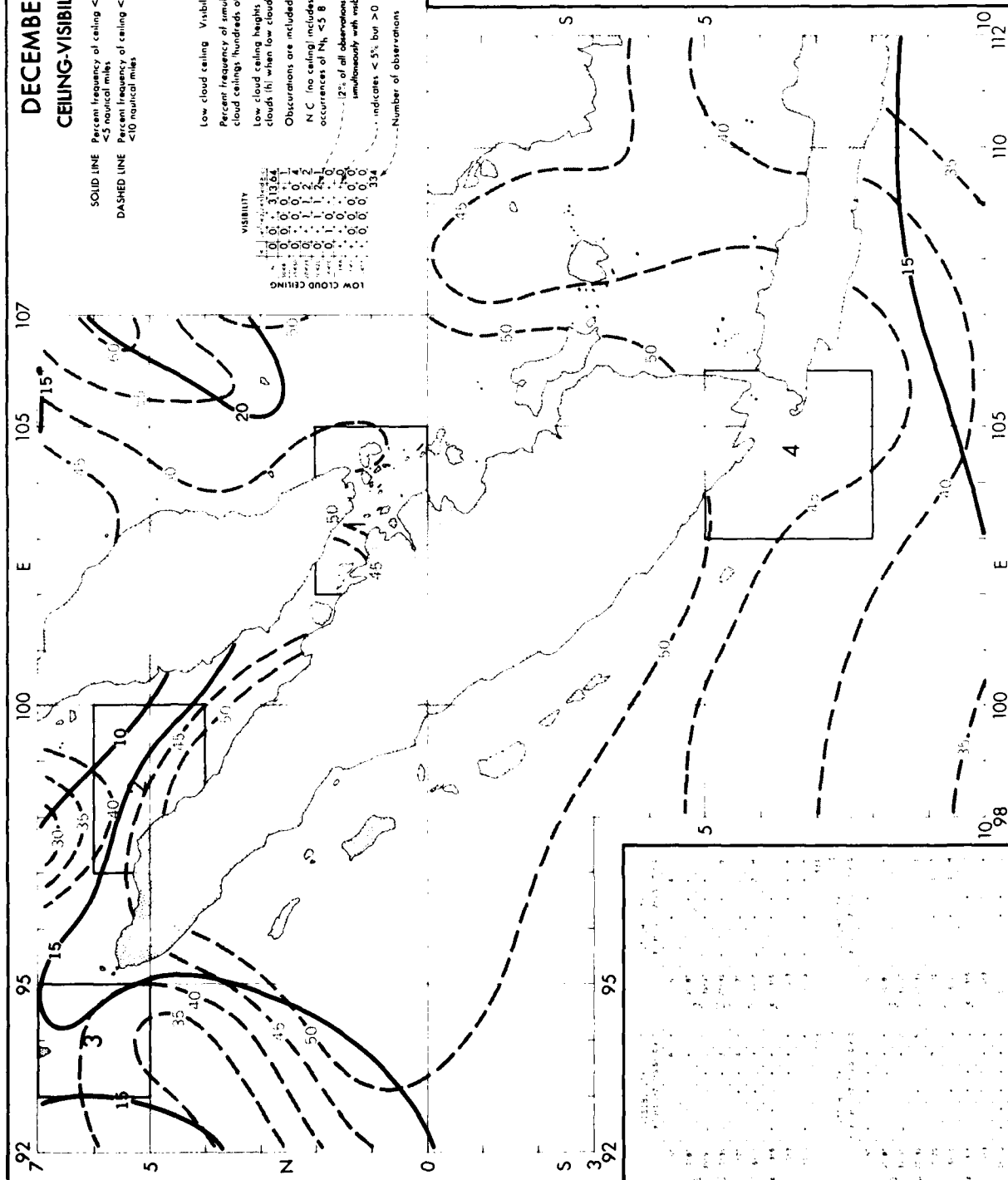
NC (no ceiling) includes bases of clouds  $> 8000$  feet as well as

occurrences of  $N_h < 5$  B

... 12% of all observations reported ceiling  $\geq 1000$  but  $< 2000$  feet simultaneously with visibility  $\geq 5$  but  $< 10$  nautical miles.

 $\cdot$  indicantes  $\leq 5\%$  but  $\geq 0$ 

Number of observations





# DECEMBER SCALAR MEAN WIND SPEED

SOLID LINE Mean scalar wind speed (knots)

Direction frequency (top scale) Bars represent percent frequency of winds observed from each direction. Speed frequency (bottom scale) Printed figures represent percent frequency of wind speeds observed from each direction

(4% of all winds were from the N)  
indicates < 5% but > 0  
(0% of all winds were from the S with a speed 22-27 knots.)  
The scalar mean speed was 9.4 knots

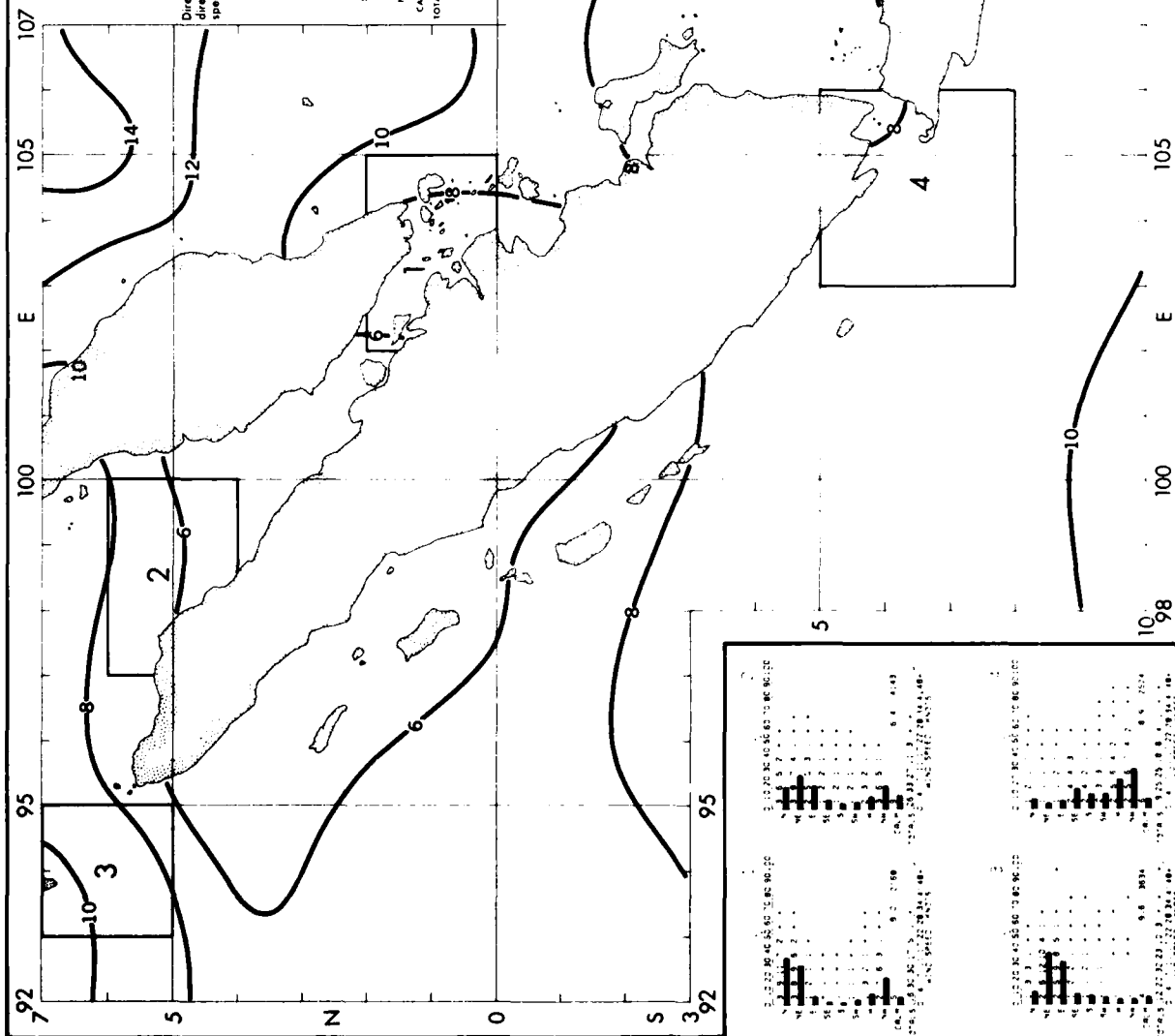
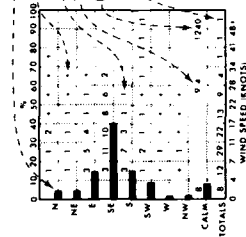
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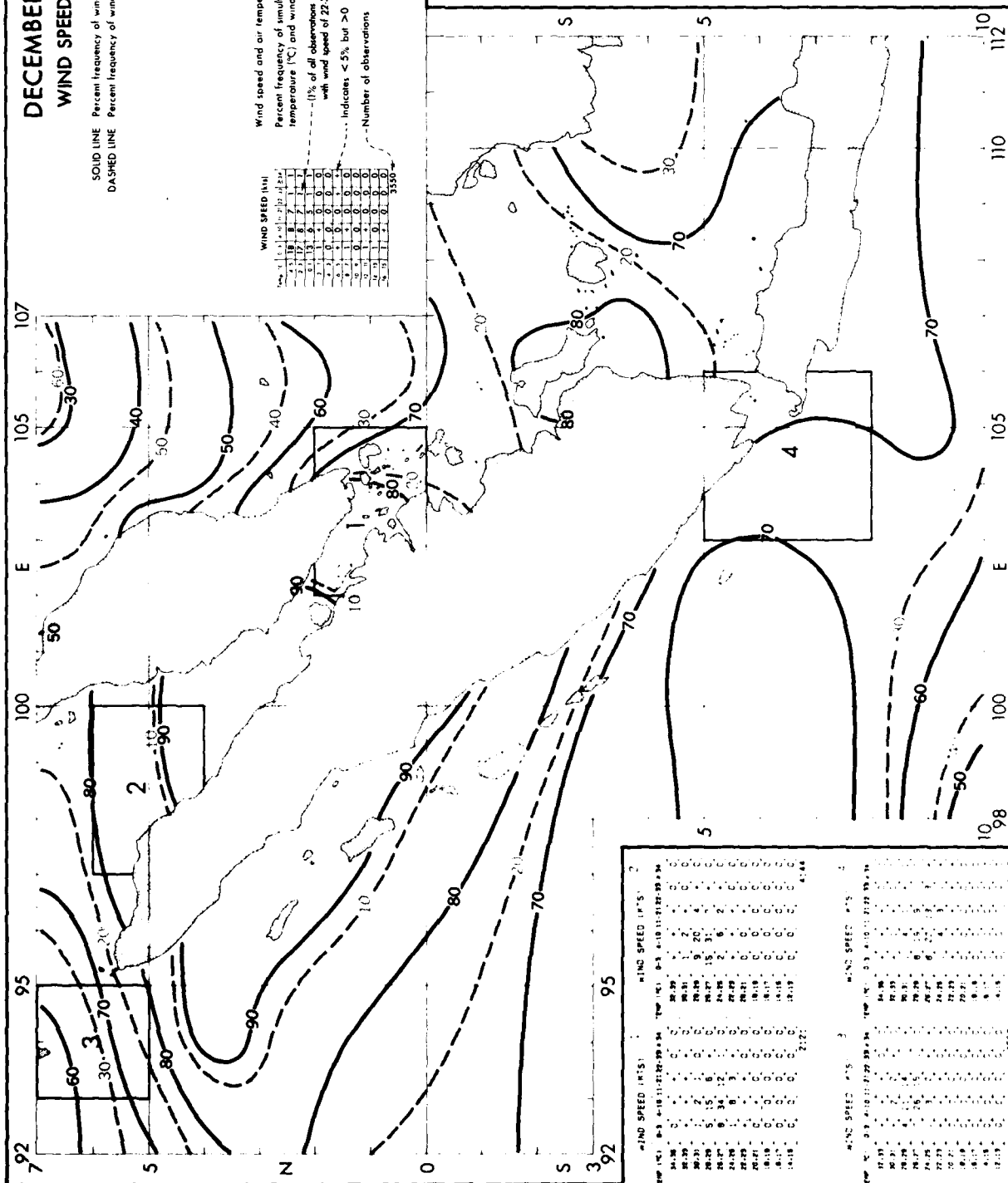
(0% of winds from all directions had wind speed ≥ 48 knots.)

WIND SPEED INTERVAL (KNOTS)

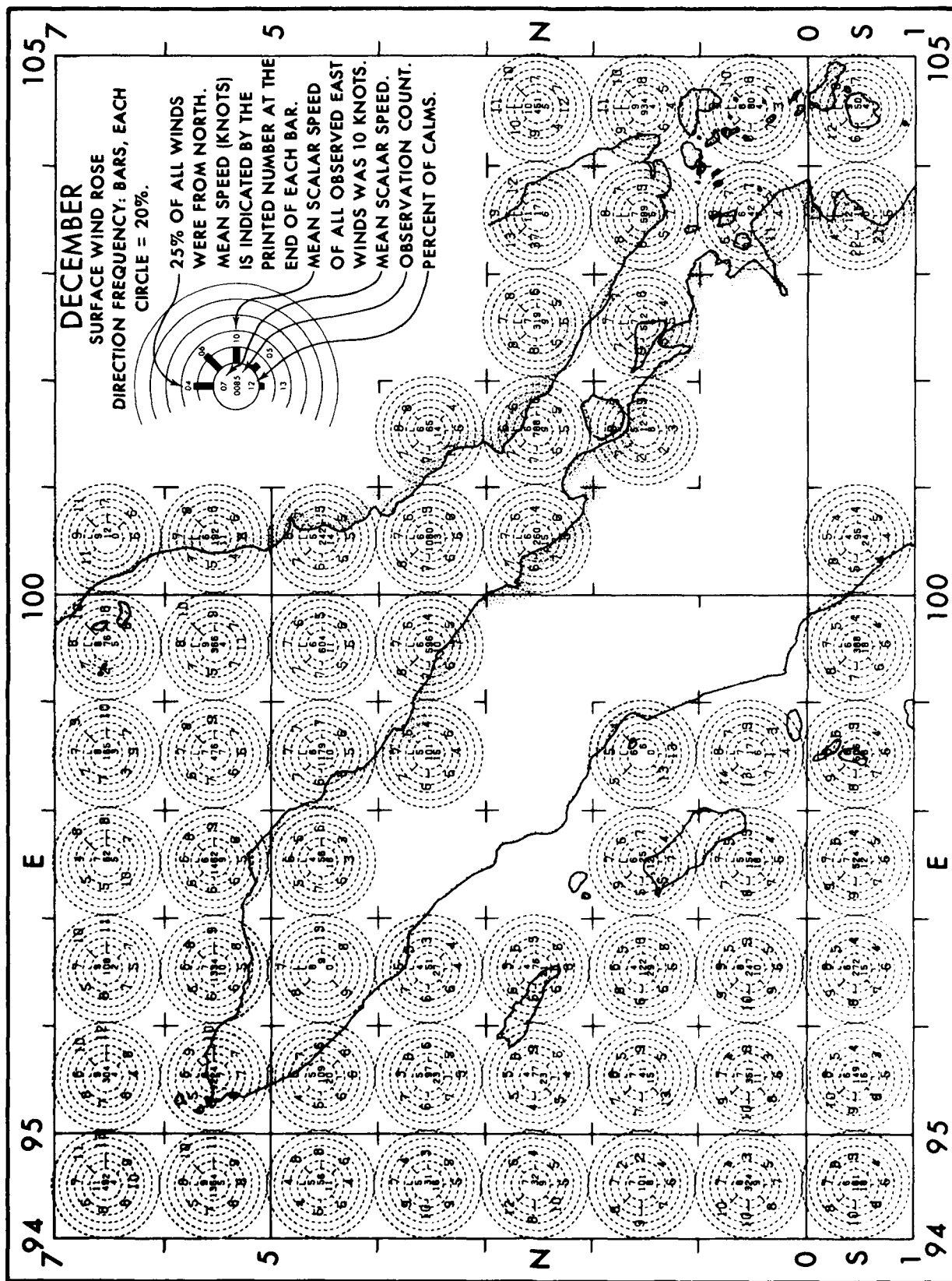
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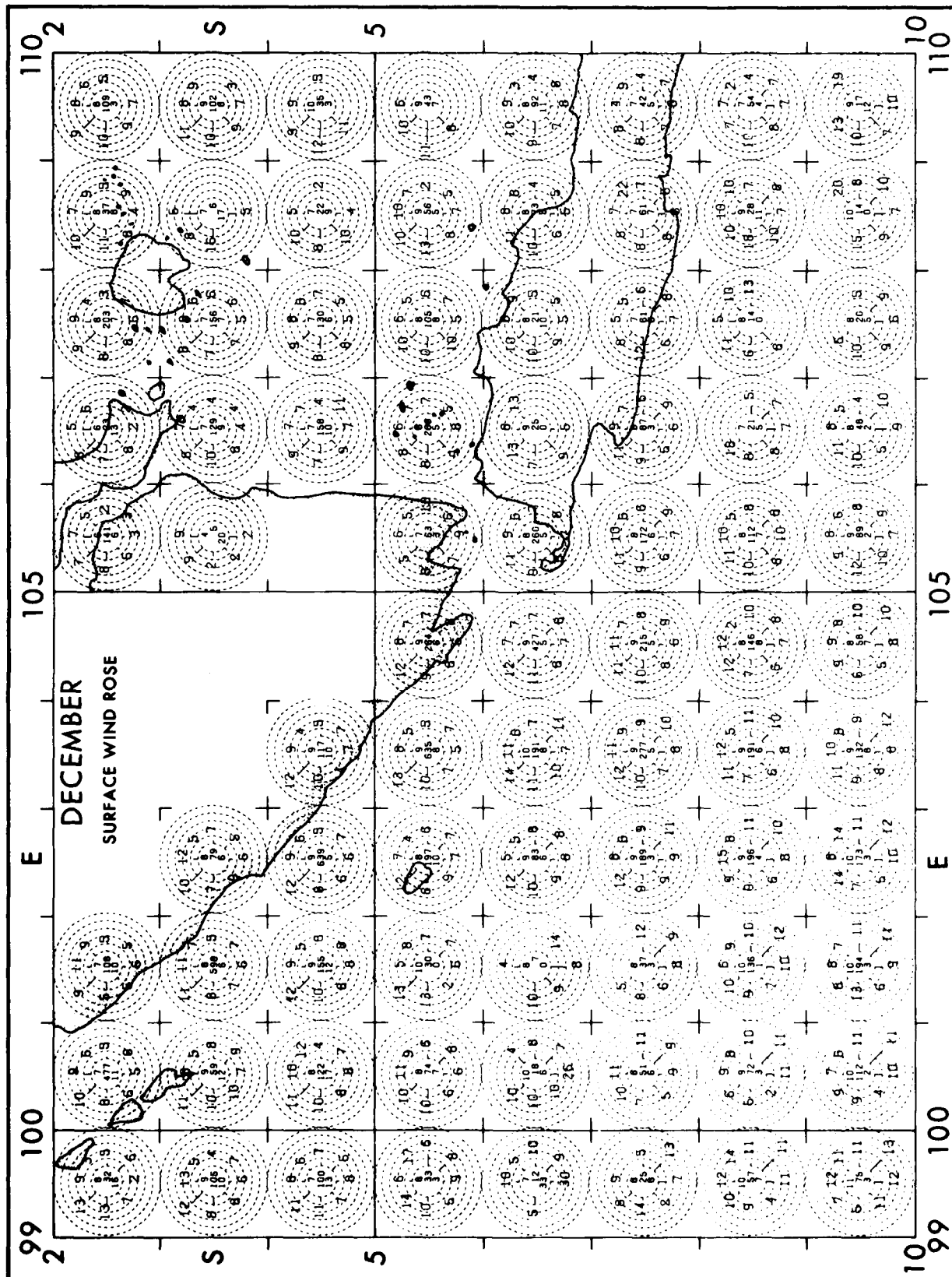
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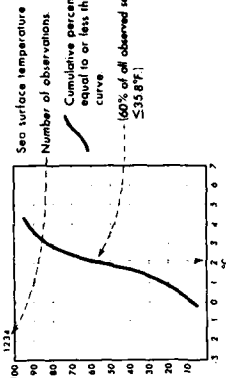




# DECEMBER AIR AND SEA TEMPERATURE

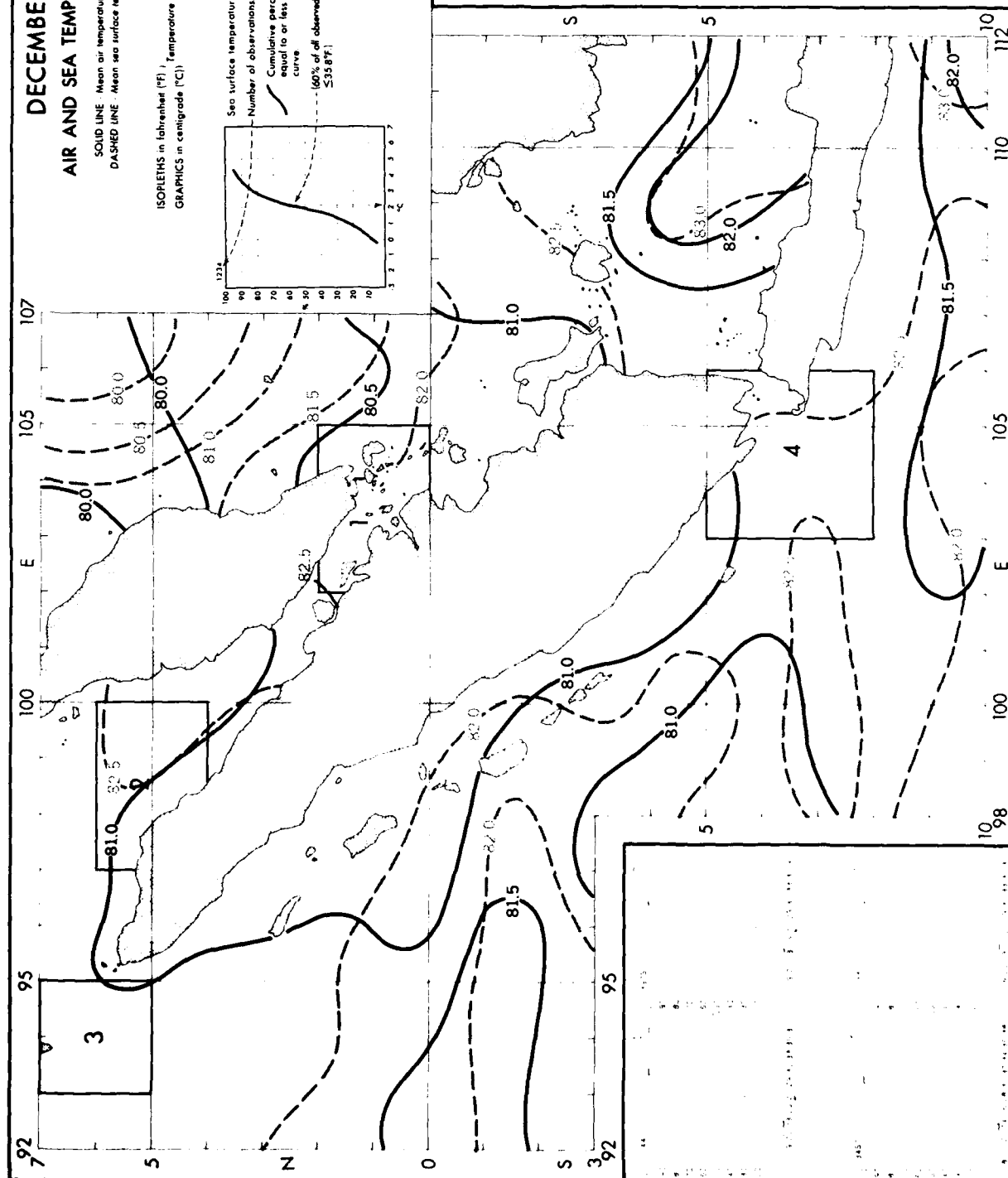
SOLID LINE - Mean air temperature (°F)  
DASHED LINE - Mean sea surface temperature (°F)

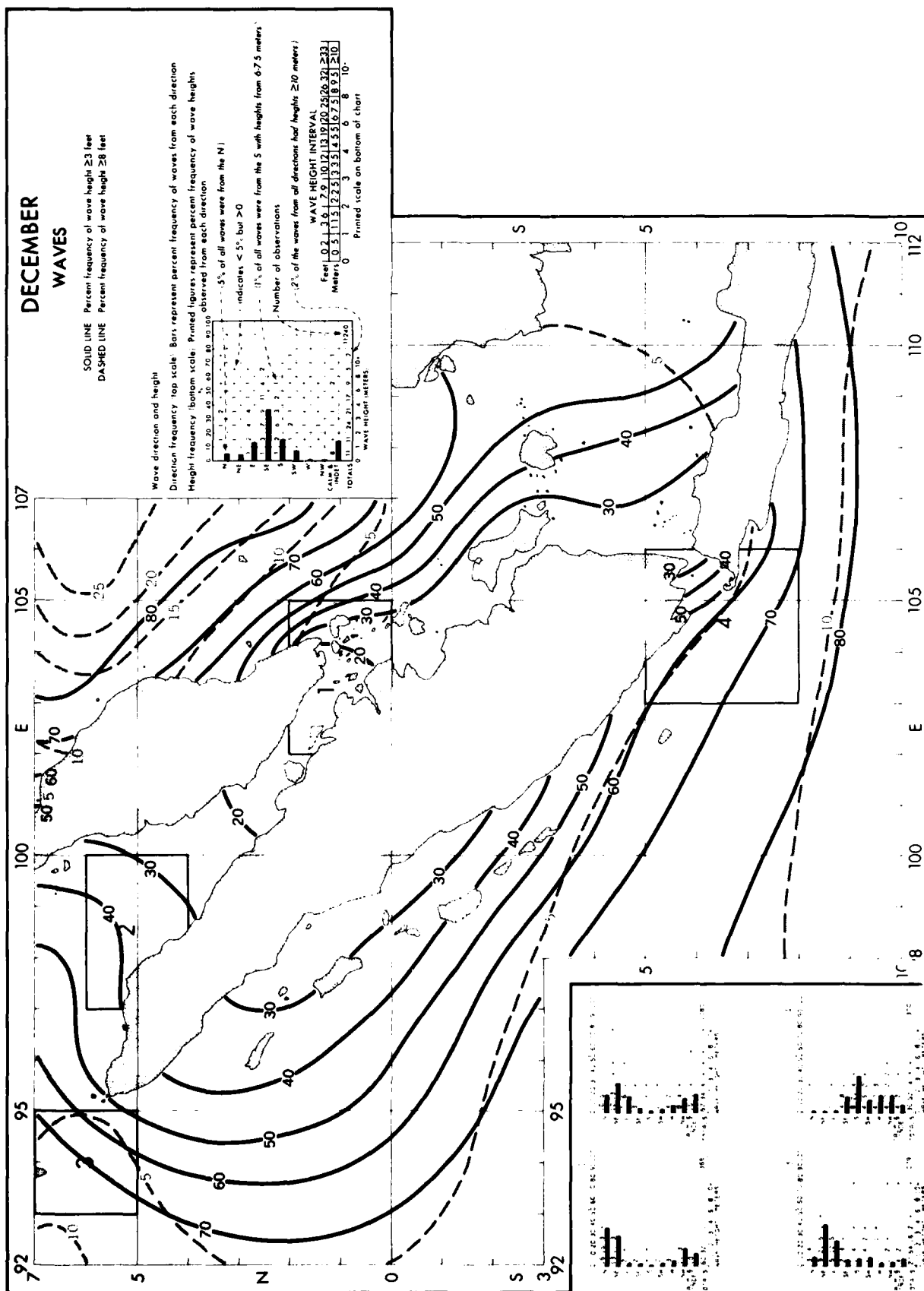
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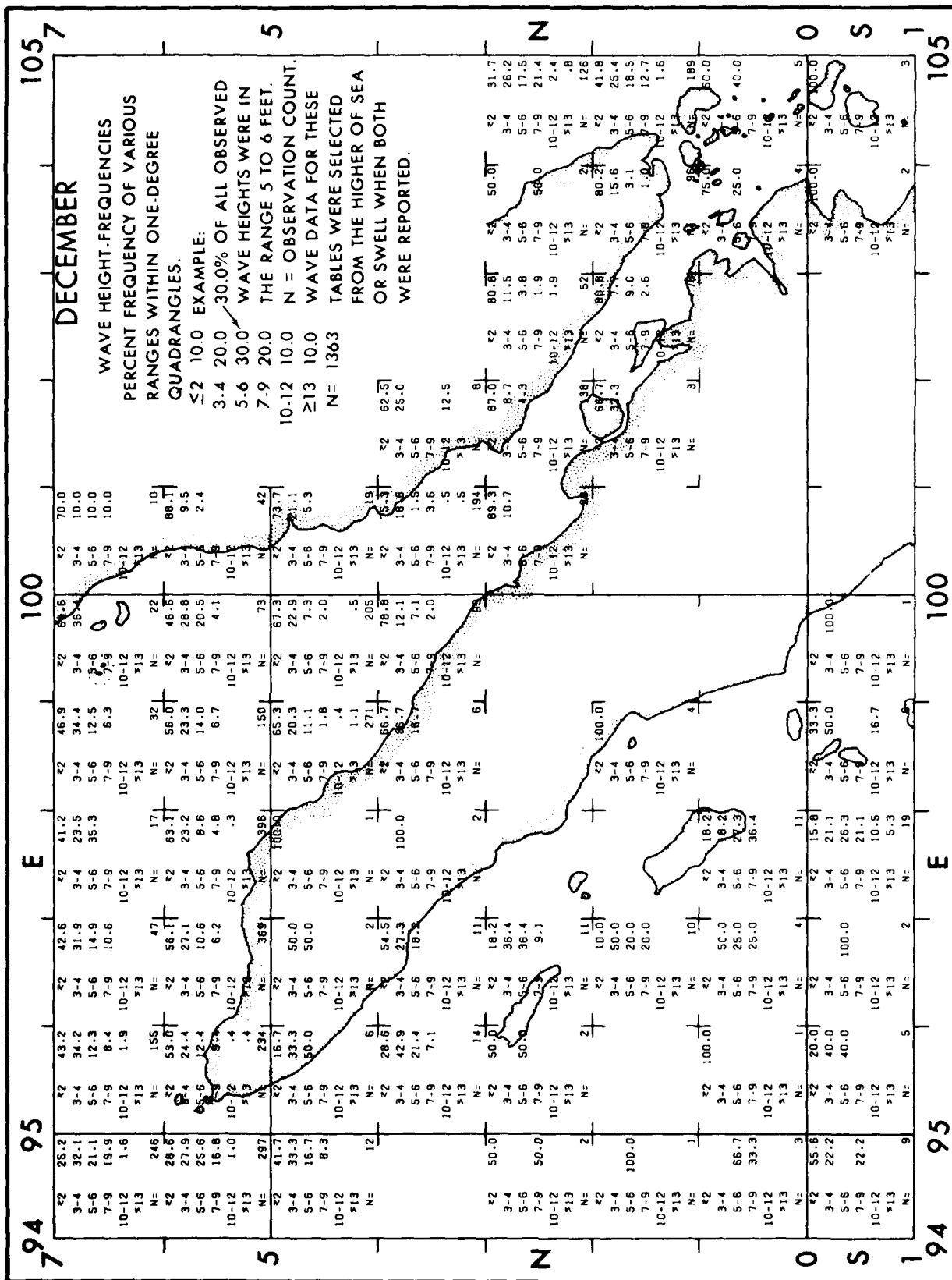


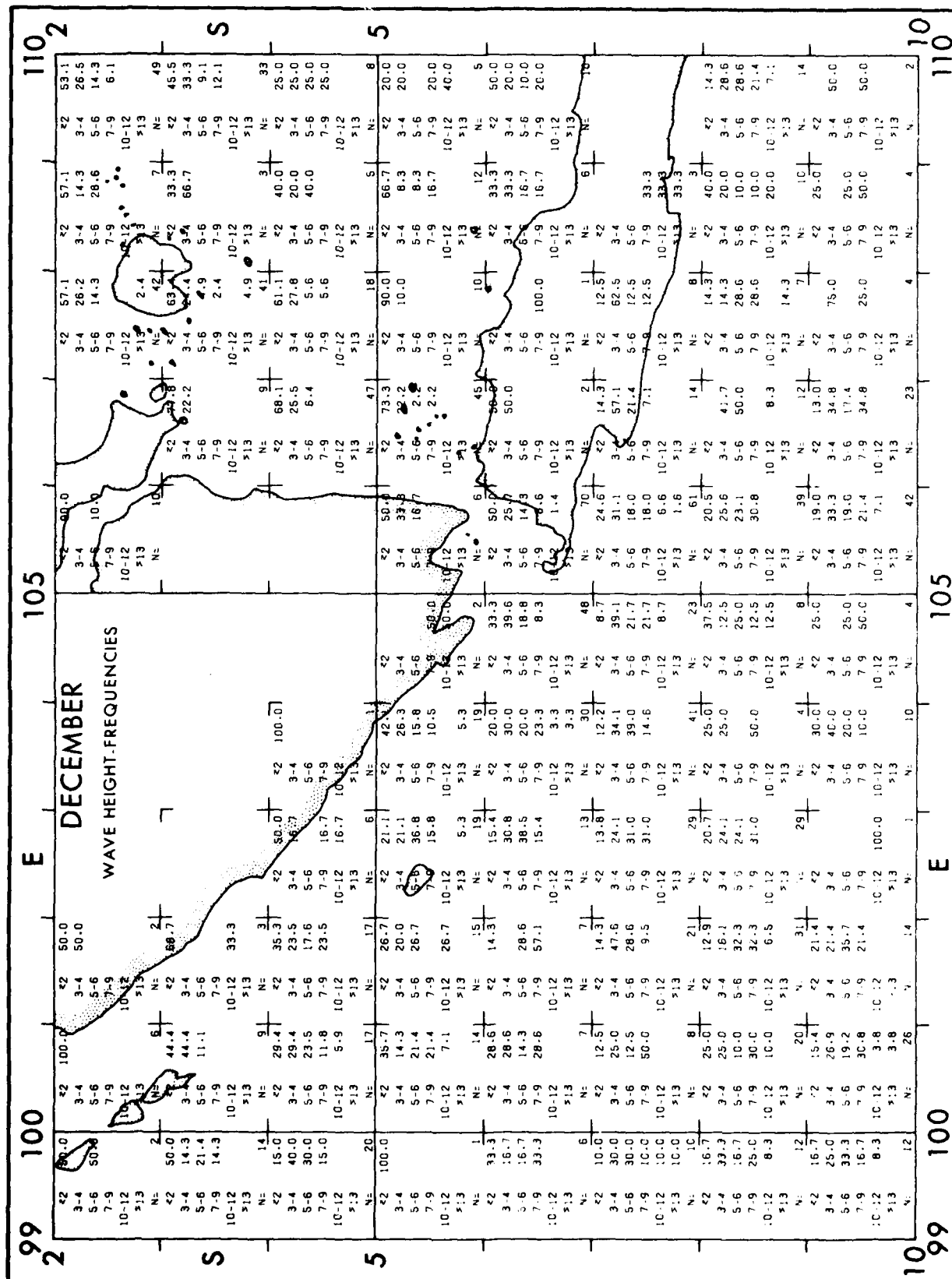
## CONVERSION TABLE

°C	°F
16	60.8
17	62.6
18	64.4
19	66.2
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23	73.4
24	75.2
25	77.0
26	78.8
27	80.6
28	82.4
29	84.2
30	86.0
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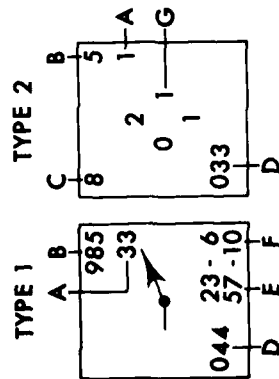




# SURFACE CURRENTS

## Data Presentation

The following legend shows two types of surface current presentations by 1° quadrangle, type 1 with 12 or more observations and type 2 with fewer than 12 observations. Where there are 11 or fewer observations within a 1° quadrangle, the total number of observations is shown within the 90° quadrant containing the observations.



A Number of calms (included in total observations).

B Total observations

C Mean speed (0.8 knot) for all observations.

D Vector resultant direction (°T) for all observations.

E Percent frequencies (57% primary direction, 23% secondary direction).

F Mean speeds (1.0 knot primary direction, 0.6 knot secondary direction).

G Number of observations by quadrant.

Type 1 - If there are 12 or more non-calm observations in a 1° quadrangle, the surface current is depicted by vector resultants as follows:

↗ Persistent Current - 60 percent or more of all observations fall within a 45° sector of the 8-point compass.

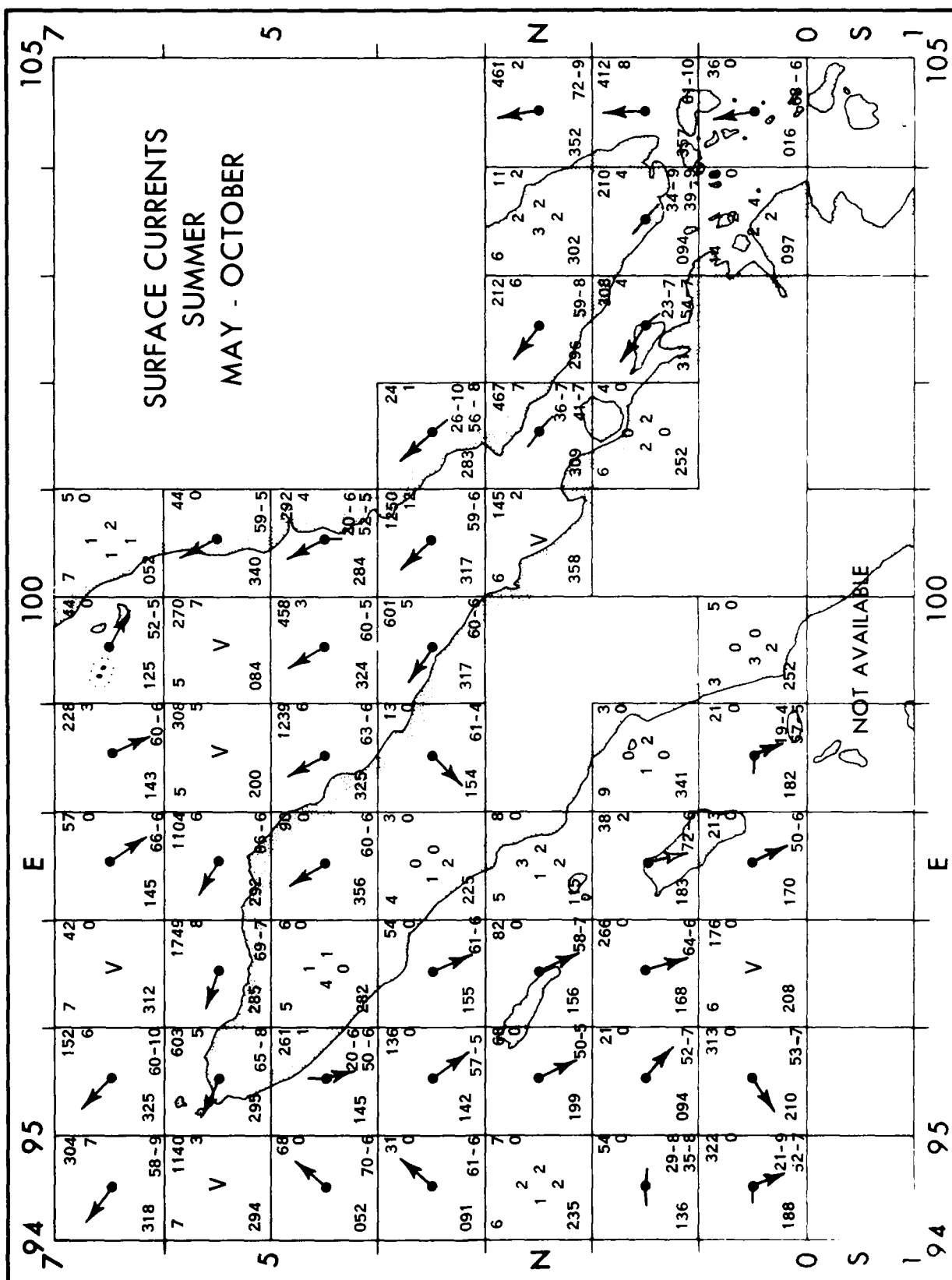
↗ Primary Current with Secondary Direction - Primary Current - 50 percent or more of all observations fall within three adjacent 45° sectors.

↗ Secondary Direction - 20 percent or more of all observations fall within a 45° sector, and the two resultant vector directions are separated by more than 90° of arc.

↗ Prevailing Current - 70 percent or more of all observations fall within two adjacent 45° sectors.

↗ Bizonal Flow - Practically all observations are concentrated in opposite pairs of 45° sectors, and one pair contains at least 80 percent as many observations as the opposite pair. This generally indicates variability that occurs in zones of entrainment between opposing currents.

↗ Variable Current - The 45° sector with most observations has less than 25 percent of all observations; direction is indeterminate.





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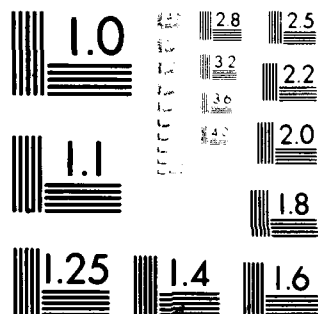
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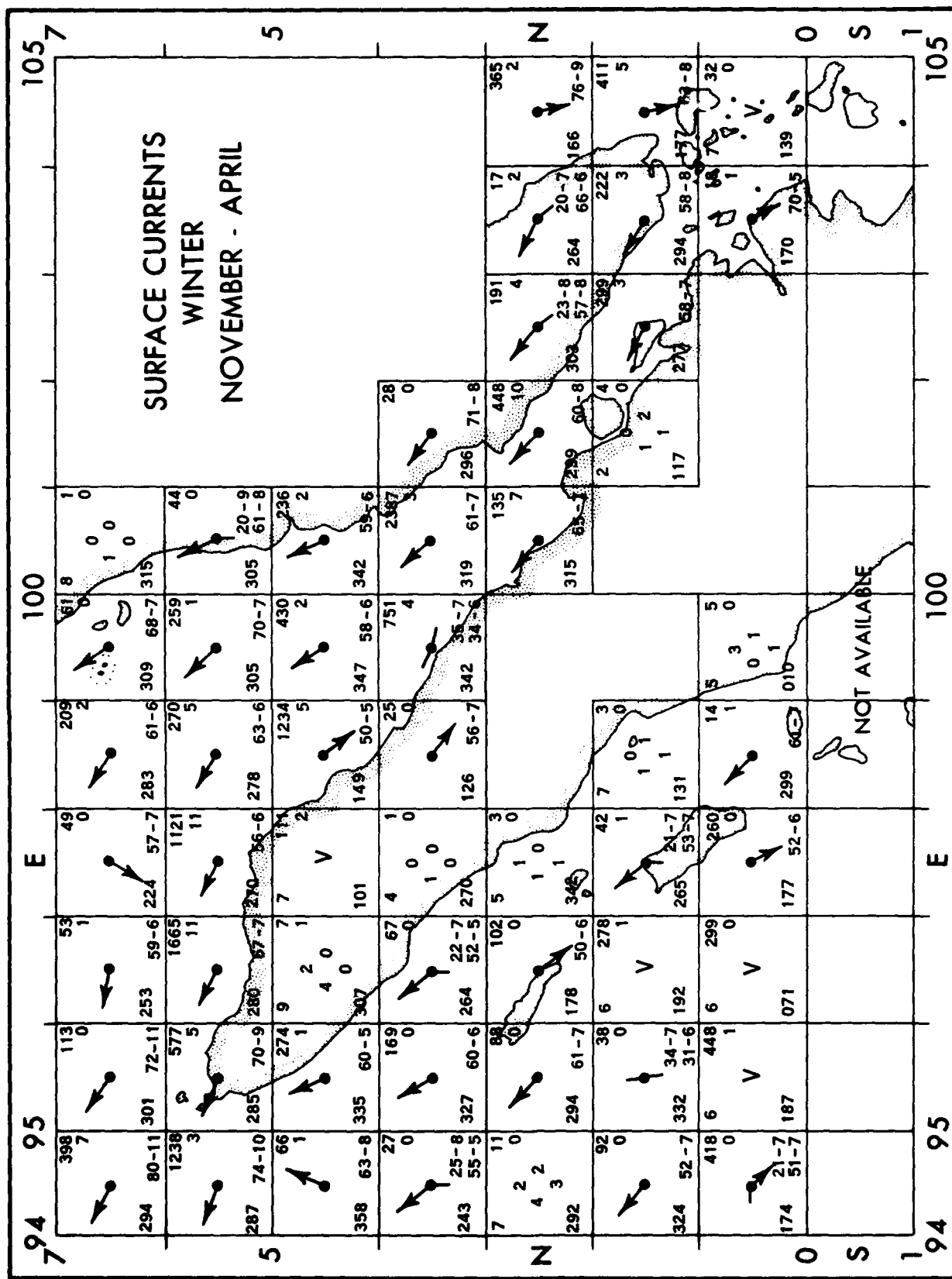
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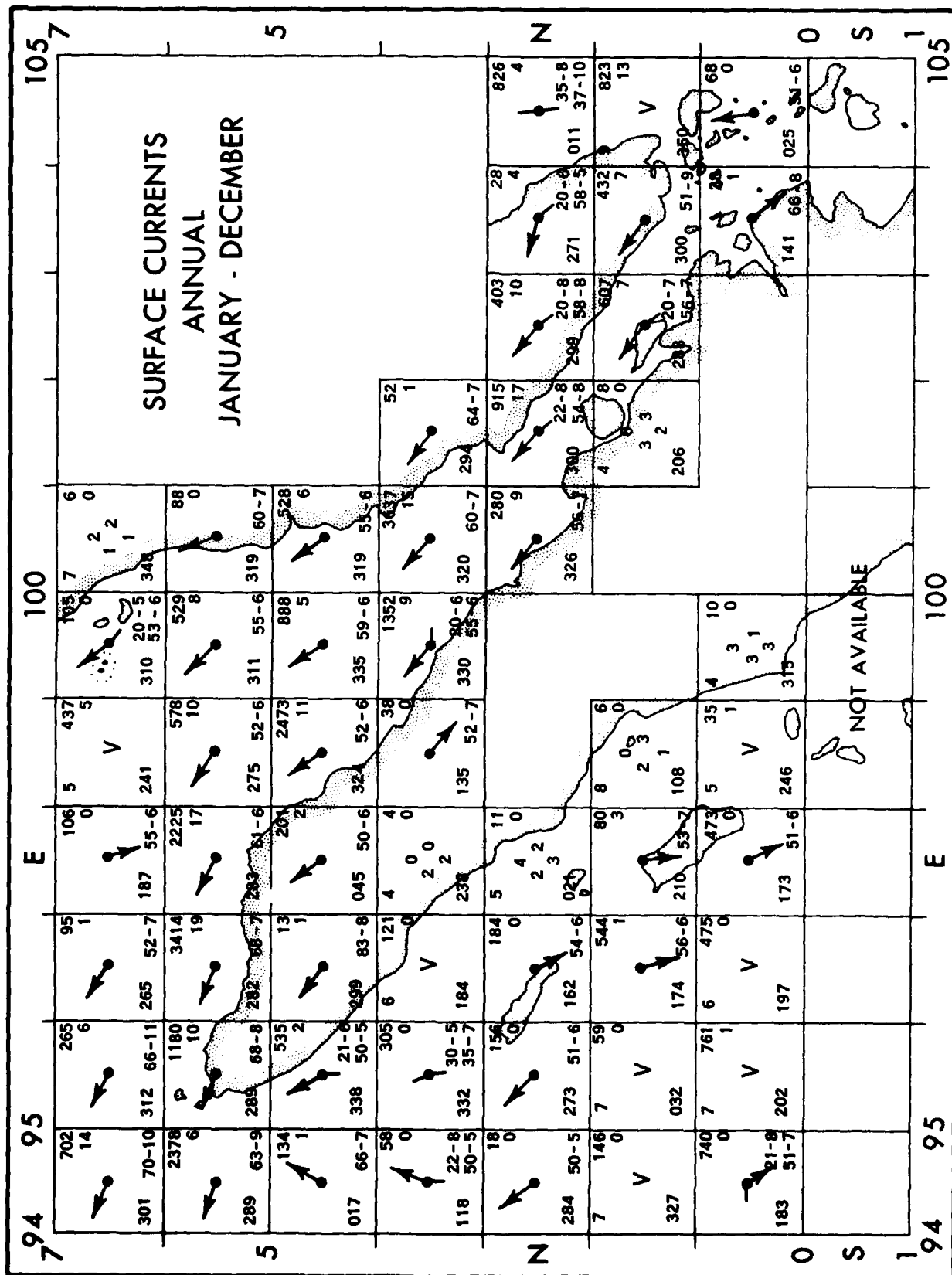
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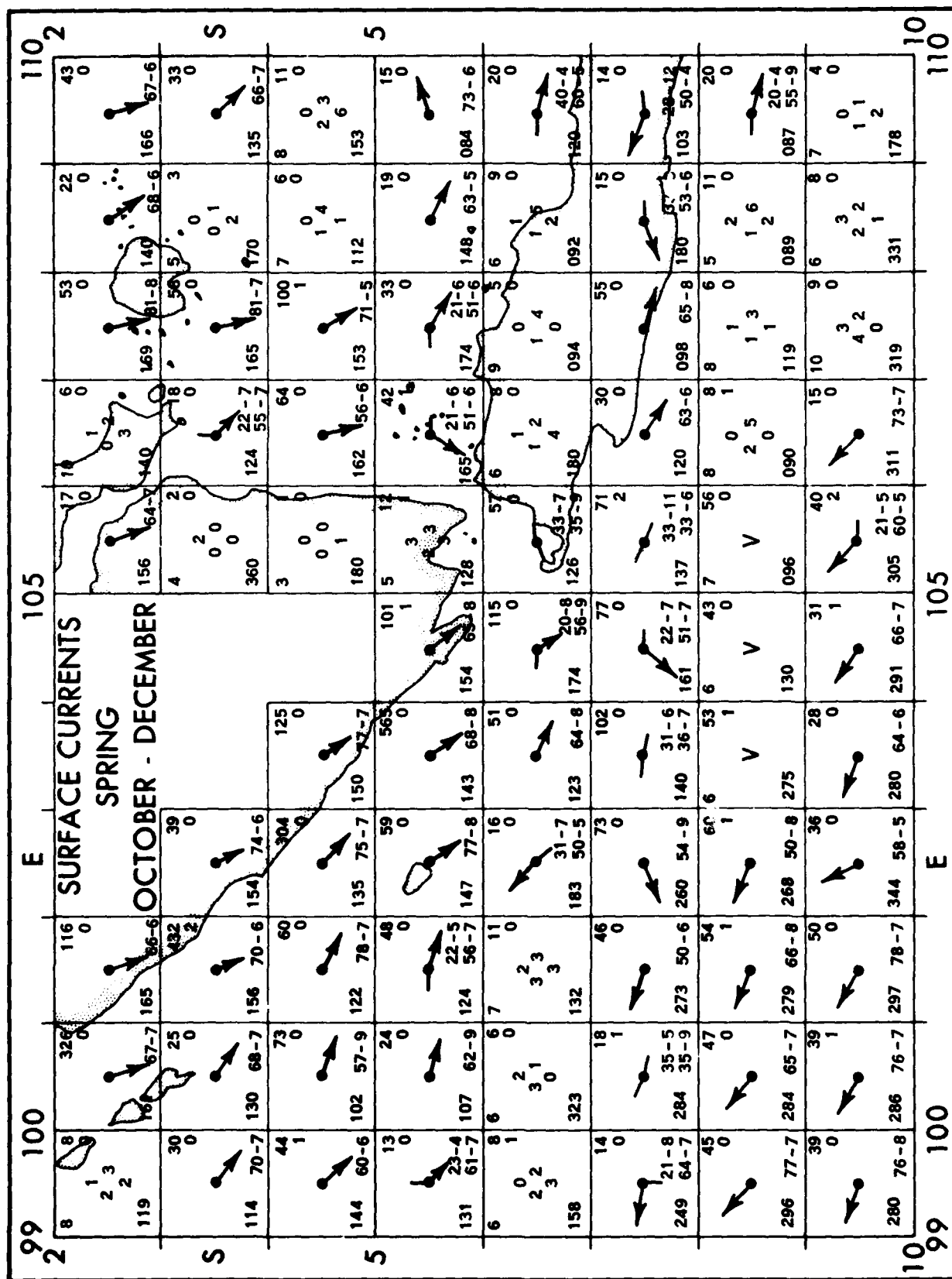
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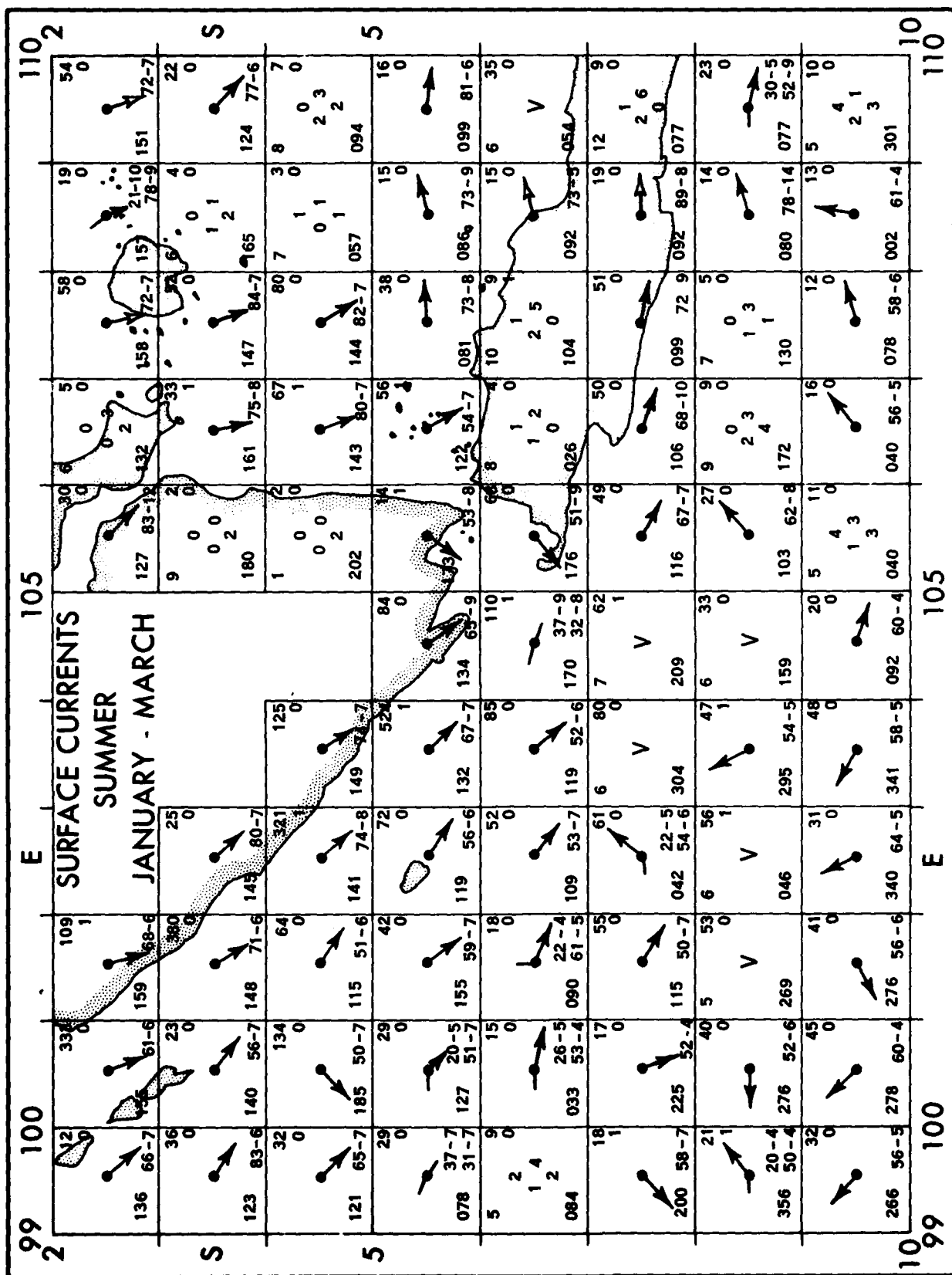


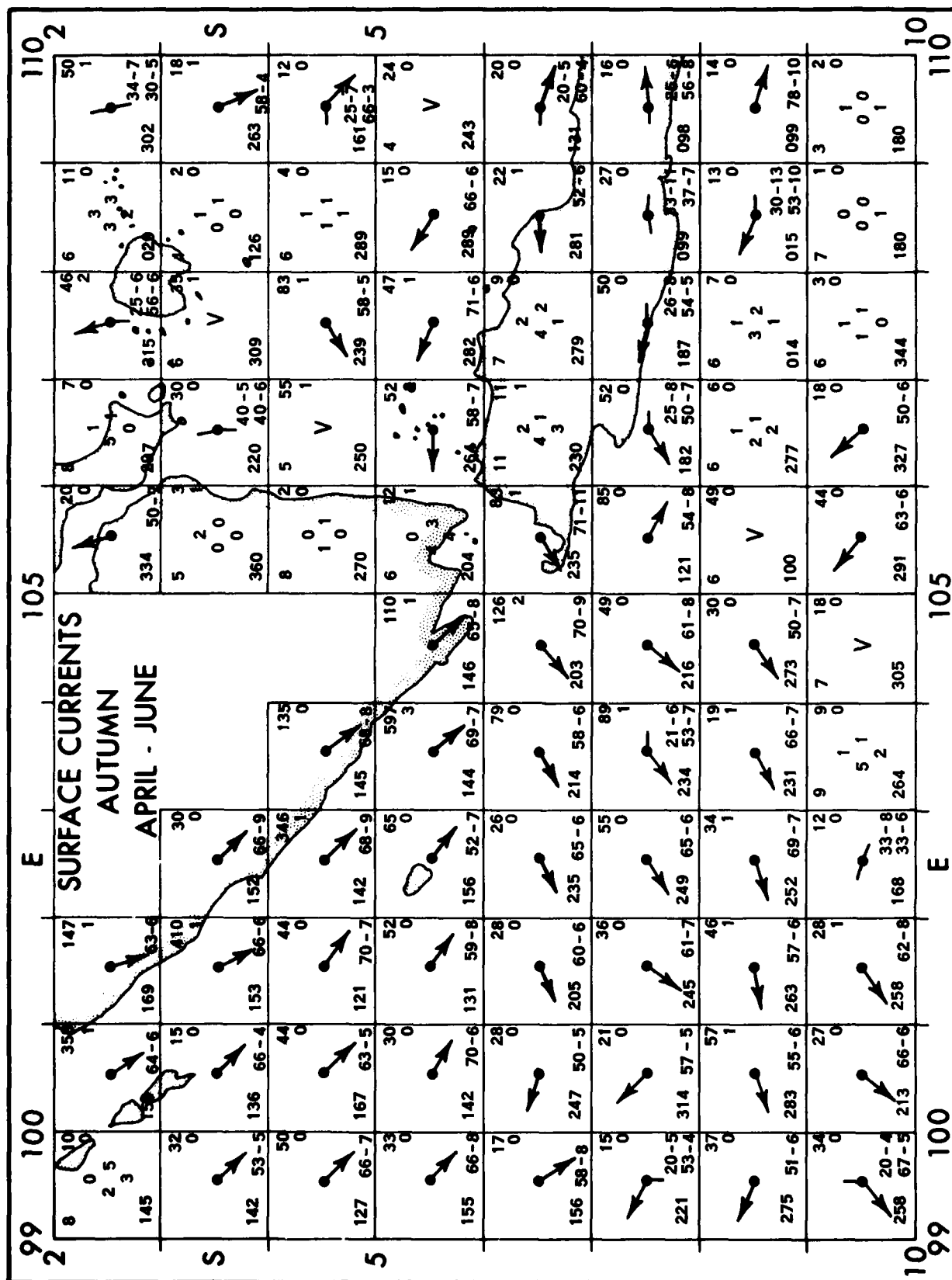
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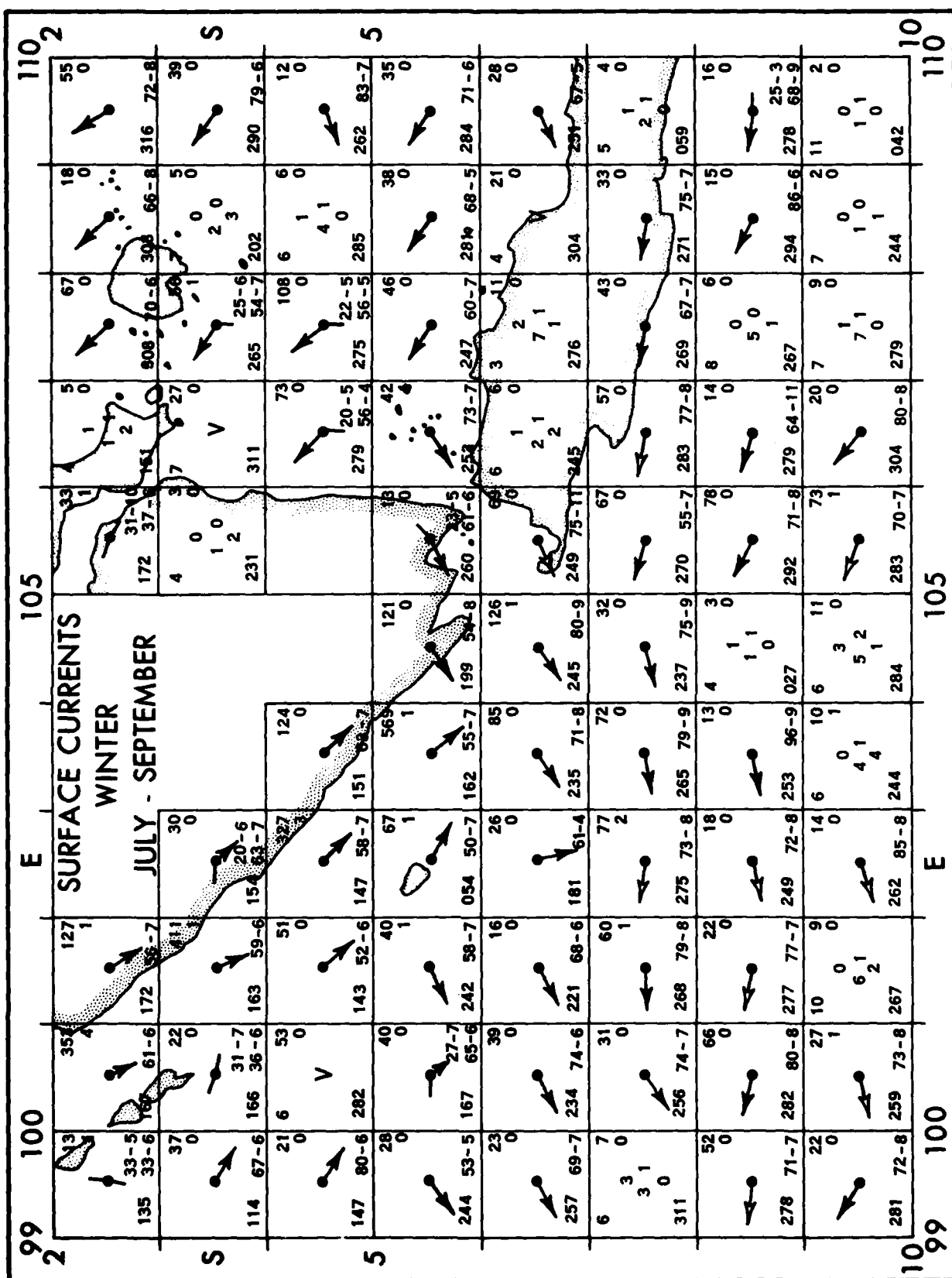




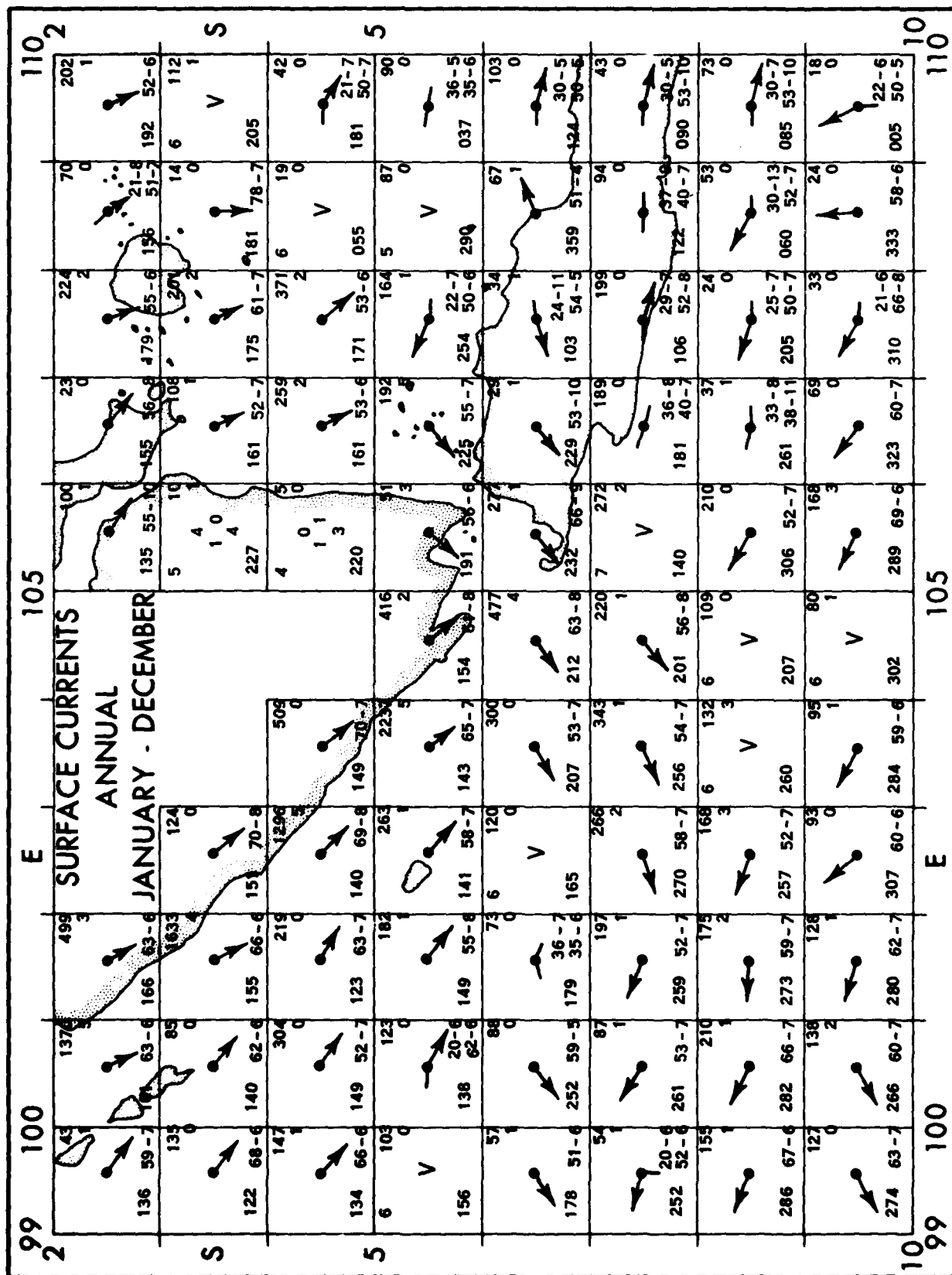












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